Beyond NROTC
A look at midshipmen life outside of regular battalion functions.

AMOI Challenge
The two battalions of the Chicago Consortium come together for the ultimate showdown.

Villanova Showdown
Numerous midshipmen competed at Villanova University this spring.

A Farewell Salute
The most recent commissioning class spreads across the country.
Hello again from Evanston and our great host university of Northwestern! I am rounding out my first full academic year with our staff and battalion, and I continue to be inspired by them and awed by the support we receive from the Foundation and other individual donors. Our Midshipmen are top-shelf, and they are enjoying opportunities other units are denied due to temporary budgetary constraints affecting the Navy. We have been able to “show the flag” due to the creativity of our Midshipmen and staff and will continue to do so.

We finished the last academic year strong and commissioned 11 officers into the US Navy or US Marine Corps. They have come to grips with the large leap they are taking forward with their lives and the fact that they are no longer training for service to our great nation; they will be in the field protecting our way of life. I’m proud of their dedication and leadership exhibited during their time here. All of our seniors were assigned to their first or second choice of warfare specialty, and they are all motivated to hit the bricks running. I’m sure they will make us (and themselves) proud. They will succeed.

We have had staff changes this summer. LCDR Tony Arendt, who has been superb as my Executive Officer, completed his MBA with Kellogg and moved to San Diego to join the Full Time Support community. Tony has been indispensable to our efforts here and will be missed by me especially. We were lucky to snag CDR Keith “Keebler” Holihan to fill his spot as XO. He is an accomplished fighter pilot who comes to us with both combat and staff experience. We’ll see how two fighter pilots handle the front office here. LT Phil Dunsford is fully ensconced as our aviation advisor. He’s a quick study and has already made an impact on our Midshipmen training. LT Dan Doughty, our submarine officer, will be moving on to pursue opportunities in the civilian world. He will also be missed, but we’re lucky to have gained LT Adrian Lai who has already hit the ground running. LT Mac Marrone continues on as our surface advisor. He will be shoving off next spring to continue his Naval career, but we have a replacement lined up for him as well which will keep us at full strength for military staff. Captain Colin Boynton is our Marine Officer Instructor having arrived late last summer. He and GySgt Mike DeQuattro, our Assistant Marine Officer Instructor, continue to get up at zero dark thirty to lead events and create training opportunities where none would seem apparent.

The civilian portion of our staff continues to be the superb group we have had for the last several years. 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’s expert at it all. Mylin Wyche is still on staff and makes sure nothing administrative falls through the cracks. He has recently been on an Individual Augmentation with the Reserves and is expected to return in early October. Tiffany Lear, our HRT at IIT, has been shielfully covering the empty HRT position at Northwestern.

We had a lot of interest from incoming NROTC scholarship and college program students who would like to join our program. The long pole in the tent is their gaining admittance to Northwestern; I’m told NU had over 32,000 applicants to fill only about 2,000 freshman class seats. I have been working with the university to help the administration better understand the rigorous NROTC scholarship application process in hopes to facilitate preferred admission of NROTC Scholarship awardees. A recent visit by RDML Mewbourne, Commander Naval Service Training Command (NSTC), further emphasized this point with the university. As of now, that initiative has not gained much traction, but we will continue to work towards that end.

Beyond our normal academic and physical activities, we have continued looking for ways to impact the Northwestern community while affording development opportunities for our Midshipmen. We had to flex from our annual participation in the Memphis Drill Meet to an opportunity at Villanova after Memphis cancelled due to non participation (budget). The activity worked out well for us with 40 Midshipmen and staff participating in a meet with wide-ranging activities. A good learning experience was had by all, and that momentum continued with an April Field Training Exercise our Marine options and some Navy students participated in.

Due to direction from NSTC, we shifted our orientation week to the NU campus and welcomed 30 freshmen as up and coming MIDN 4/C candidates. As you know, we execute this as a Chicago Consortium event for logistical reasons, but also to build a “whole command” concept. This year’s O’Week was a success and has been a strong welcome to the world of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

Northwestern has continued their support of our unit and outreach to veterans on campus. Beyond the ongoing “negotiations” for NROTC scholarship awardees, we have been provided with access to Patten Gym for morning physical training and drill and continue a close working relationship with the faculty on all matters pertaining to our Midshipmen in general and Naval Science in particular. You may have seen our Drill Team and color Guard at NU basketball games and might see them this season on the football field as we continue to build relationships with the athletic department.

I hope this issue of the Crow’s Nest finds you all well. The support of our alumni is very important and much appreciated. We enjoyed a meeting with recently promoted RDML (sel) Lisa Franchetti (NU class of ‘85) who offered her time for a Q&A with our Midshipmen on a wide range of topics. Interaction of that sort, and of course financial contributions which we are fortunate to have, go a long way toward nurturing our Midshipmen on what is a road that takes dedication and motivation to navigate. I’m proud of them and thank you all for your continued support of our hard-charging Midshipmen.

Stop by if you’re here. As always, the door is open.
“Your leadership and proficiency are not best measured during your time at a unit, but the impact of these is better assessed after you leave.” I was told this by my last Battalion Commander at the School of Infantry aboard Camp Pendleton, CA. As a leader, you do not only shine during your time within a particular organization—a true leader enables others to act, allowing them to be the best leaders that they can be once you are long gone. From the very beginning of my time here on station, my goal was to be completely transparent with my experiences and knowledge. I wanted to give this unit everything that I have in order to better the midshipmen in any way possible. If the aforementioned quote has any truth to it, my success is yet to be seen; however, after serving alongside these fine senior midshipmen and underclassmen, I have no doubt that great things are on the horizon for many of them. The leadership that I have seen develop over the last two-plus years is among the strongest that I’ve seen at the junior officer level.

As a member of this unit, I wanted to learn as much as I could about myself and my leadership potential, and serving as the Northwestern University Midshipman Battalion Commander (BATCOM) has truly been the culmination of that learning experience. Prioritization, time-management, crisis evasion, and mentorship are just a few of the leadership skills that have been strengthened by my time as the BATCOM. The Northwestern NROTC Unit has one of the best programs in the country aimed at setting up young leaders for the physical, mental, and moral endeavors as an officer in the United States Navy/Marine Corps. The experience that I have gained at NU, specifically as the Battalion Commander, will be the foundation for my career as a successful officer.

I am extremely proud of this unit’s squad members and staff billet holders. We have implemented quite a few changes recently, and the midshipmen made the transition seamless. We have upped our physical fitness training from one mandatory day a week to two. We are trying to foster an environment that puts physical fitness higher on the priority list, for the only place to lead is from the front. We have moved our weekly lab from Tuesday afternoon to Wednesday morning following one of our PT sessions. This change will hopefully minimize the number of midshipmen on conflict lab and also free up some afternoon space for academic and social possibilities. Lastly, during this term the midshipmen have trained and participated in optional team events in record breaking numbers. At the time of this article’s submission, we have a drill, color guard, shooting, and three endurance teams training for the Villanova University Competition. The responsibility of successfully prioritizing and managing their time all while putting in countless hours of physical and technical training has been nothing short of impressive. Our unit is going to demonstrate quite a performance at the upcoming event.

I want to thank all those who support this unit. Northwestern University and the Northwestern University’s NROTC Scholarship Foundation are at the top of that list. Without their generosity and continued support, this unit would not be what it is today. Thank you to Captain Koehr, our Commanding Officer, for his wise leadership and humor. Thank you to the unit staff for their everyday guidance and contributions toward the future leaders of their Navy and Marine Corps. Thank you Mylin for your administrative wizardry and commitment to our unit’s functioning. And lastly, a special thank you to Rose our Executive Administrative Assistant. Your effort, kindness, and love for our unit’s members are unmatched. We could not function without you, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As you have found with this issue, we have switched to releasing The Crow’s Nest by electronic edition only. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/NUNROTC for more regular updates, including photographs, battalion activities, and upcoming events.

Please pass on our email signup list to fellow alumni. The web address is http://bit.ly/NUNROTC.

Also, be sure to visit our newly updated website at northwestern.edu/nrotc.
The members of the Northwestern NROTC battalion spend many hours each week attending their Naval Science classes, sweating through physical training sessions, cleaning up the football stadium, and drilling through the cold winter mornings in preparation for competitions throughout the country. However, these midshipmen also have unique interests and passions outside of their ROTC obligations which make this battalion interesting and diverse. From midshipmen like MIDN 4/C Sebastian Rodriguez and MIDN 1/C Carmichael, who pursue their musical talents, to others like SSgt Brian Giaretta who is a father of three children at home, our battalion members have passions that extend across the spectrum. The ability of these midshipmen to balance their time between the rigors of a demanding NROTC program, their academic responsibilities, and other extracurricular activities is not an easy task. Despite this difficulty, all of the midshipmen of the Northwestern battalion are able to maintain a level of excellence in all that they do.

Not only do these extracurricular activities provide midshipmen an outlet to blow off steam, they also groom other aspects of leadership that may not be addressed as thoroughly in the NROTC environment. For example, MIDN 1/C Amber Meer volunteers as a program supervisor for Loyola University’s Emergency Medical Services. She is in charge of receiving calls for medical emergencies on the Loyola campus and has learned a lot about working effectively under pressure. The Loyola EMS program gives MIDN Meer real-life experience with handling emergencies which will without a doubt be useful as a future Surface Warfare Officer. Another example is MIDN 3/C Alex Acosta, who trains in mixed-martial arts three to five times every week at Ultimate Fitness in Evanston. Since high school, MIDN Acosta has been working hard to maintain proficiency in his fighting skills, not only because he enjoys it, but also with the intent of using this skill to serve his country.

In addition, many midshipmen participate in competitive clubs and teams on campus. MIDN 4/C Hannah Brachfeld plays club tennis at Loyola University. She practices with the club during the week and has attended tournaments at nearby schools such as Michigan State and University of Wisconsin-Madison. While pursuing her passion for tennis, MIDN Brachfeld has also made new friends and had opportunities to do service projects with the team. MIDN 1/C Carmichael serves on the Executive Board of Northwestern’s Extreme Measures A Cappella and sings bass for the group. MIDN Carmichael has competed with Extreme Measures at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella for the past three years, and this past year the group placed in the top 50 competing a cappella groups in the entire country. These competitive clubs require much time and dedication, and midshipmen who are a part of these groups are especially talented at what they do.

Overall, the midshipmen of Northwestern NROTC are exceptionally busy people who are integrated on many different levels with not only the college community, but the community and the world at large. Two students, Midn 1/C Eric Berntson and MIDN 3/C Bailey Bong studied abroad last semester, allowing them to incorporate a very different cultural aspect into their educational careers. The battalion as a whole is constructed of people with many different skills and experiences which make the unit a fun and exciting place to learn and work. The nature of NROTC allows midshipmen to take advantage of the diverse opportunities on a college campus, which ultimately results in the formation of well-rounded individuals for future service in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. It is without a doubt that these midshipmen are seizing the opportunities around them, and will grow into great leaders as a result.
Ship Selection

MIDN 1/C Amber Meer

Late in the fall semester of 2012, the NROTC senior class received their service assignments. For those of us who were chosen to join the Surface Warfare Community, this was the kick off for the process of ship selection, which would take place in early February. To determine the order in which we would pick our ships, all of the midshipmen assigned to the SWO community were ranked based on a merit score. The score was made up of several components including grades, physical fitness scores, aptitude, and academic major. This is the same process and score used to help determine our service assignment.

In early January, the Ship Selection List was published. This was a list of all the available ships to be picked, and the number of billets available for each ship. The list is organized by homeport and platform. The publishing of this list marks the beginning of the difficult process of choosing what will essentially be your home following commissioning. Most of us began the decision making process by choosing which coast we wanted, followed by which port. From here, most picked a platform.

We began the process of researching each individual ship to narrow our selections further. We used all manners of research to find information, from talking to advisors to the navy’s website. I even resorted to Facebook and Wikipedea to glean information. We also relied heavily on the advice of our parents, friends, and ROTC advisors. We were told to avoid ships going into the yards, ships coming off of a long deployment, old ships, etc. We also frequently heard comments about which ports were obviously the best and which platforms are clearly better. Slowly but surely, we all began to narrow down our list of preferred ships. Finally, the first wave of ship selection was upon us in the early weeks of February. On the morning of February 12, the first of us to pick made our way to the unit with our carefully prepared list of preferred ships.

The day before, the Navy website put up a live document that would show which ships had been taken as the midshipmen picked their ships in the order of merit. We watched that list carefully, monitoring our selections as each person’s choice before we went up on the board and crossing our fingers that our ship wouldn’t fill up before we got to pick. When it was your turn to pick, a detailer would call you and ask for your first preference. You'd name the first ship on your carefully planned list, and hopefully hear back, “That ship is available, welcome aboard.” It was enormously relieving to hear those words and see your order of merit number pop up next to your selected ship on the live document. Now the process of ship selection is over. However, the end only marks the beginning of the process of finally becoming a Naval Surface Warfare Officer.

SWO Club

MIDN 1/C Josh Keyser, Recruiting Coordinator

Early this year, Northwestern NROTC’s SWO Club began meeting to prepare the unit’s future Surface Warfare Officers to be thrust out upon the cruel sea. The club’s purpose is to ready seniors assigned to the SWO community to go out into the fleet, and we focused on both the requirements for future SWOs during their senior year and on preparations for the rigorous life of the fleet. SWO Club is advised by LT Marrone, who provided sage advice for the future surface sailors. It was composed of the four seniors in the unit who service-selected SWO or SWO Nuke as their officer community following commissioning. The club initially discussed the ship selection process, including general discussion of the pros and cons of different ships and different home ports. With the variety of homeports and platforms available to a junior SWO, we had to pick through a long list of different billets in advance of ship selection week. Since all of the seniors ultimately chose ships based in Norfolk, Virginia, we turned a meeting over to talking about the base and living in Norfolk itself as well.

A large part of the club’s time was turned over to discussion of the qualification process. While the pipeline for nuclear officers and pilots include up to two years of training before joining the fleet, new SWOs currently spend only two months at Basic Division Officer Course before reporting to their first ship. As such, SWO Club started preparing early. We looked over publications detailing the requirements for Officer of the Deck (OOD) and Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW) qualifications, two of the most important milestones in a SWO’s early career.

“Quals” are only half of the expectations on a Junior Officer in the surface fleet, as a new SWO must also take command of a division upon reporting to their ship. We spent some time discussing the challenges of becoming a Division Officer (DIVO) and learning to command at sea. While the expectations are high for newly commissioned officers in every community, SWOs have the challenge of stepping into a leadership role very quickly. However, with the efforts we made in SWO Club, the surface sailors of this class will have a better shot at success in the fleet.
Every year, the Northwestern University (NU) NROTC and the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) battalions alternate hosting the Chicago Area Consortium AMOI Challenge. This challenge pits each battalion against the other in various team events that challenge physical capability and mental prowess. The NU Battalion hosted the challenge this year.

The challenge was planned with a total of six events: two planned by IIT, two planned by NU, one planned by the consortium staff, and one planned by the Northwestern University AMOI, GySgt DeQuattro. IIT’s events were dodge ball and flag football, while NU’s events were basketball and a relay race. The staff prepared an international and military news quiz. GySgt planned a mystery event that was not unveiled until the competition.

On Saturday, 9 February 2013 IIT arrived at NU’s campus, and the events began with NU’s relay. The relay included sprints, burpees, planks, fireman carries, and ammo can lifts. Each of the battalions strategically chose different teams of two midshipmen to perform each separate exercise. In the end, almost every midshipman from each battalion participated, and both battalions remained neck-and-neck until NU pulled ahead at the very end.

The next event was basketball. IIT and NU both divided into two teams, and each team played two games. The battalion with the highest total points scored by its teams won. There were several break-out performances by players on both teams, but, looking back, none stand out more than when MIDN Sabath sank a two-pointer for NU during the heat of battle. In the end, all the games were close, but IIT won and had the highest total points.

This brought the overall challenge to a tie. The third and fourth events were dodge ball and flag football. Dodge ball was dominated by IIT. Clearly, NU needed to spend more time during PT practicing the art of how to dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge. However, NU had a strong performance in football and came away with a win. This brought the overall challenge’s score back to a tie.

The staff’s quiz was intense because both battalions were physically exhausted and there was a very tough time limit. Questions ranged from the date of specific military operations to naval science knowledge. The NU Battalion won this event by a significant margin.

Finally, the mystery event was unveiled. Each battalion chose four midshipmen to compete as a team in what turned out to be an endurance event. There were several different physical events, which culminated in a series of ammo can sprints. IIT won the mystery event.

Both Battalions ended the competition by eating together at Giordano’s Restaurant in downtown Evanston. Each event’s winner was revealed, and the winning battalion, IIT, was announced. Overall, the competition was extremely well planned and executed, and allowed both battalions to put their training to the test while still having fun.
MIDN Sabath takes the ball to the hoop. Though it wasn’t enough to offset IIT’s lead, Sabath’s efforts rejuvenated the Northwestern team with a fresh wave of momentum.

MIDN Keyser and MIDN Burdyl provide screams of encouragement for MIDN Carlin as he sprints around the competition grounds with an ammo can in each hand.

MIDN Crapino dominates over IIT during the ammo can lift portion of the relay.

MIDN Smith played quarterback for a portion of the football series of the competition. Here, he has just received the ball and is moments from throwing another touchdown pass.

MIDN Berntson demonstrates speed and precision during part of the relay.
Midshipmen from Northwestern push their teammates to the finish at the Villanova University Military Excellence Competition.
The majority of the Northwestern NROTC battalion participated at the Military Excellence Competition at Villanova University this spring. From top, left-to-right:

(SSgt Giaretta is lifted by one of the Marine Option midshipmen during one of the opening competitions.
(MIdn Berntson glides through the water during the swimming event.
(MIDN Mickelson pushes through the pain to overcome a midshipman from a rival university.
(Northwestern’s Color Guard gets the opportunity to show off months of practice.
(The Squad Drill competition saw a solid performance from the midshipmen of Northwestern and Loyola.
(Midn Smith and MIDN Mickelson power through an intense run while carrying ammo cans.
Farewell, Class of 2013

MIDN 2/C Brock Burdyl, Platoon Commander

To the Senior Midshipman Class of 2013: Farewell! About four years ago, you decided to join NROTC knowing that you would learn about public service, leadership, and the limits of your physical prowess. Whether you knew about the friendships, personal growth, and the rich culture and legacy of the Navy and Marine Corps, I do not know; however, I do know that each and every one of you has engrailed the core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment on your hearts. These values are learned through trial-and-error. As you face tribulations in the future, these values will only be further etched into the lining of your being. These lines may fade, but with the discernment and humility which has enabled you to succeed and teach younger students in the program, I know that these mores will not be overlooked.

To Staff Sergeant Giaretta: Farewell! With the enrichment, experience, and leadership provided by you, the unit has received great wisdom and will carry this knowledge forward into the future. I can only hope future Sailors and Marines will provide the unit as much culture and discipline as you brought to us, and that those you lead will receive even more than we have as a result of the training which you have received. This farewell is a departure from the current life you all have toward the frontiers of our borders and beyond on islands of United States national sovereignty spread across the globe. Frontiers are exposed to the outside elements, shielding the core from all dangers which might be present. As such, the core may never fully realize the symbiosis it shares with the frontier. When you graduate and become officers, I wish upon you all possible grace, so that you can overcome all dangers and provide in every way for the Sailors and Marines under your command. In this way, regardless of the opinions others may have of your efforts, you will have made a positive impact for our nation. As the Class of 2014 steps up to lead the way for our battalion, know that your example will be used so that we can learn to be as effective as you in leadership, discipline, Honor, Courage, Commitment, dedication, and perseverance. By increasing the effectiveness of our leadership toolbox, I know that we will be as ready as you when it comes our time to depart and defend the Constitution of the United States, which unites us and gives us strength.

Notre Dame Leadership Conference

MIDN 4/C Craig Sabath

This past February, several midshipmen had the opportunity to attend the University of Notre Dame’s Naval Leadership Weekend (NLW). NLW is a three-day annual conference hosted by Notre Dame’s NROTC battalion. Midshipmen from universities across the country gather to learn and discuss issues critical to their roles as future leaders in the Navy and Marine Corps. NLW accomplishes this through inviting a variety of military leaders as guest speakers and putting midshipmen together to discuss ethical decision games and other topics. This year’s theme was Ethical Leadership: Making the Right Decisions Under Fire. Many of the speakers centered their talks around this in addition to their own career experiences. Friday started off bright and early with a welcome from the Commanding Officer of Notre Dame NROTC, CAPT Earl Carter. The first speaker was the Commanding General of the Second Marine Division, BGen James W. Lukeman. Following his talk, attending midshipmen were divided into groups to take part in the ethical decision games. The ethical dilemmas evaluated ranged from what you would do if you caught a fellow Ensign taking drugs to whether you would falsify documents in order to get the go-ahead to rescue a downed pilot. Heated discussions followed. The next speaker was CAPT William Mountford. CAPT Mountford had one of the more interesting presentations, as he served aboard the USS Vincennes as a young Lieutenant when the Iranian airliner was shot down. The Commanding Officer of University of Minnesota NROTC, CAPT David Ratte, closed out the evening. Saturday started off with a motivational talk from FLTCM Scott Benning, the Navy Total Force Fleet Master Chief. He was followed RADM Richard Breckenridge, who detailed us with how he spent one of his NROTC summer cruises at Disney Land. In the afternoon, a panel discussion was held amongst professors from the University of Notre Dame and our very own CAPT Koehr. The topic of the discussion was “Which Wars Do We Fight?”. CAPT Koehr represented the Navy well. Afterwards, we had another presentation from RADM Jay M. Cohen before everyone headed over to Notre Dame’s skybox overlooking the football stadium for the weekend’s culminating event. The final speaker was VADM John P Currier, the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard. VADM Currier is one of the most decorated Naval aviators in American military history, and it was an honor to hear his wisdom. After a delicious dinner, we returned to Northwestern that night.
Focus on Fitness

MIDN I/C Ellen Burkmier, Physical Training Instructor

This term’s Battalion PTI gives an overview of the efforts of midshipmen as they make physical fitness a key part of everything they do.

Physical training in any military environment is important. The program at Northwestern is no exception. As the Physical Training Instructor this semester, I had one overarching goal in mind; to challenge each individual’s status quo. I wanted to provide workouts that, while accounting for group fitness, were well rounded enough to accommodate all areas of the physical fitness spectrum and allow for everyone’s improvement. We have done many different workouts including circuits, squad competitions, and weightlifting.

Physical training at the Northwestern NROTC program has been through some big changes this semester. First, the battalion trains together every Monday and Friday, instead of just Wednesdays. I have witnessed gains in personal fitness levels and an overall increase of morale. Second, Patten Gymnasium at Northwestern University has been made available to the battalion. The movement to Patten was welcomed and has been proven to be quite advantageous. It not only gives a 3 court gym and extensive weight room to the battalion, but allows us to start training about 15 minutes earlier. Both of these changes are true improvements to the program and have benefited everyone.

Our Endurance team has raised the bar for the whole battalion. This year the E-team has been opened to anyone willing to participate. At one point, 12 of our 28 midshipmen were participating in the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday early morning practices. Those on E-team still participate in the battalion physical training following their E-team practices. Their presence at the battalion events has been encouraging for everyone, and I wish them luck in their competition at Villanova University.

As the PTI and a 1/C midshipman, I have seen this programs evolve and change over time. It has been a great experience, and my billet has taught me many things. I believe that these changes are an improvement and that the atmosphere at Northwestern University NROTC will continue to produce successful active duty officers for the United States Navy and Marine Corps.
Alumni of Northwestern NROTC are spread throughout the United States and the world. Following are some of the latest updates.

John W. Dresel, ’52: “Contribution is also a memorial in the name of Carl Godman, NU-NROTC Class of 1952.” (1/13)

Fay F. Godman: Mrs. Godman, widow of Carl Godman, ’52: “My husband held both N.U. and its NROTC program in such high regard, and counted his service in the U.S. Navy as a highlight of his life.” (I/13)

Ben J. Mogni, Jr., ’57: “Retired, but very active: golf, bridge, AARP Money Management volunteer for elderly (assist seniors with asset and money management). Three grandsons in college, oldest at Northwestern (senior). Health excellent!” (12/12)

Dan A. Hardt, ’58: “Thank you for protecting our freedom!” (1/13)

William L. Heubaur, ’59: “I am long retired and sitting at my home office desk gazing at beautiful Lewis & Clark Lake across the highway. I well remember my days at NU’s NROTC Unit and the leadership lessons I learned there, which served me well both in my Navy career and in later life. Leaders are made, not born, and I am proud to help out deserving midshipmen who will be our nation’s future leaders.” (12/12)

Gerald D. Olson, ’60: “Since Paula, my bride of 51 years, passed away from cancer in March 2011, I have continued to busy myself working in youth baseball and as general manager of our small youth football program (I always wanted to be a GM). I wake up every morning to a wonderful view of Buggs Island Lake (the largest lake in Virginia at 50,000 acres). You can’t be Navy without a love of the water.” (12/12)


Edward F. Orenstein, ’83: “25th year as a residential real estate broker. Married to Julie with two boys: Nathan (14) and David (12). Go Cats!” (11/12)

Brian J. Gegan, ’84: “Go Cats.” (12/12)

Leigh L. Kojiro, ’87: “Relieved as CO of Undersea Warfare Operations Det Bravo. Taken over as the Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for the state of Oregon.” (1/13)

Sarah Alcock, ’88: “Sarah (Kinsman) Alcock is back in the Florida Panhandle, which she left in ’92 after earning her Naval Aviator designation. In 2012, she and her husband Andy moved to Tallahassee, where he is a news anchor on WCTV. Sarah is looking for work in the legal or public relations/journalism fields. Their son Gordon is finishing kindergarten, loves sports, and is a fervent NU Wildcat supporter. She flew CH-46 helicopters with HC-6 in Norfolk, VA, making two Med deployments on USNS supply ships and a deployment on USS Savannah (AOE-4) during the 1994 crises in Haiti and Cuba. Sarah then was an Officer Programs Recruiter in New York City and worked in the NATOPS office at Naval Tactical Support Activity on the Washington Navy Yard following a knee surgery at Bethesda. She left the Navy in 1999 and received a law degree in 2002 at the College of William and Mary. She worked as an attorney in Louisville, Kentucky for 9 years, and even had a stint as a crew member at Trader Joe’s specialty grocery chain.”

Albert J. Magnan, ’88: “Merry Christmas from Upstate NY.” (12/12)

Robert C. Nowakowski, ’92: “CDR Nowakowski recently returned from a 1-year mobilization as Director of Training (CIJ-7), Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA). In December 2012, he was selected as Commanding Officer of the Joint Forces Maritime Component Command (JFMCC) detachment located in Phoenix. Our mission is to support Commander, THIRD Fleet exercises and operations. In March 2013, he will celebrate his 15-year anniversary at QUALCOMM Inc. in San Diego. His family’s goal is to get back to Northwestern in 2013 to catch-up with friends and family.” (3/13)

Paul D. Metzger, ’03: “Graduated from 5 year orthopedic surgery residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego June 2012. Now stationed at US Naval Hospital Okinawa as staff orthopedic surgeon.” (12/12)

The Boning family, Christmas 2012.

Brent Boning, ’86: “My first tour was on the USS KIDD (DDG 993) (1986). We did a Persian Gulf deployment, escorting tankers during the tanker war. John Stride was on the DesRon Staff embarked in the Gulf, and then had an overhaul at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. I left the ship in late 1989 for NROTC instructor duty at Berkeley. That was an experience—the unit was only occupied once while I was there.

I left the Navy in 1992, and entered graduate school at Carnegie Mellon. I finished in 1998 with a PhD in economics, and started working at the Center for Naval Analyses, the Navy’s Federally Funded Research and Development Corporation. I’ve been there since, except for one year on assignment at the Council of Economic Advisers as a Senior Economist. Very interesting to see the politics. I met President Clinton several times, and saw the disputed 2000 Presidential election from the inside.

At CNA, I have worked mostly on the “resources to readiness” question, which is surprisingly not well understood. I recently spent a year as the Scientific Analyst to the Deputy CNO for Readiness and Logistics. In 2011 I briefed ADM

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Greenert (then VCNO, now CNO) and ADM Ferguson (VCNO) on some of my research, in addition to ADM Roughead (prior CNO), though that was after he retired and joined the CNA Board of Trustees. Last year, I was honored with the CNA Award for Analytic Excellence—hope I am representing the Unit well! Wendy and I have been married for 27 years—since Spring Break of 1986. Our eldest graduated college last May, and works in San Francisco for Dropbox. Our daughter is a junior in college, and studying abroad in Malta this semester. Our youngest son is taking a gap year, working as a programmer for an internet startup (hallway.co) after graduating from HS in June. There is a picture of my family at Christmas.

I’ve seen CAPT Brian Howes a few times over the last few years as he has had duty in the Pentagon. We recently noted that he, Art Tomasetti, and Andy Wilde are the last ones on active duty from our class. After the interment for Wade Wilkenson, Jeff Turner, Jill Lindstrom, and Jim Petropolous got together for sodas/dinks to catching up. Jon Guyer and Mark Muller were also at the ceremony, but could not stay. Jon earned his PhD in material science from NU and is at NIST. Mark flew in, and has been working with the Navy in Millington.” (3/13)

NU NROTC alumni (left) helped cheer the Wildcats to victory at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, FL. Mark Taylor, ’88, drove with his family from Roanoke, VA and hosted a tailgate. Attendees at the tailgate, shown in this photo, included, from L to R, Mark Taylor ’88, CAPT Brian Howes ’86, Sarah Alcock ’88, Gordon Alcock (future Wildcat), and Anthony Snodgrass ’88. Sarah also ran into COL Art Tomassetti ’86, and sat behind Steve Romaine ’61 during the first half. Mark is the outdoors reporter for The Roanoke Times newspaper, covering hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation. Brian is in Washington, D.C. on CNO staff. Anthony is the manager of Hartman Arena, which hosts sporting events and concerts in Wichita, KS. Art is at Eglin AFB in FL as the vice commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing, which conducts training in the Joint Strike Fighter. Steve is retired in Florida.” (3/13)
At the time of this writing, the Scholarship Fund board of directors has just voted to award a total of $35,000 to be spread among nine different midshipmen during academic year 2013-2014. For those keeping track, this is the eighth year in a row that the Scholarship Fund has awarded $30,000 or more to Northwestern NROTC students. Here is a fact that I believe none of you know: for the fifth year in a row, the Scholarship Fund has given out more in scholarship awards than it received in annual donations. Let me say that a different way for emphasis: the Scholarship Fund has seen the need to award more money in scholarship awards to Northwestern NROTC midshipmen than it took in... not just this year, but for quite a few years. Okay, go back and read that again. How can a charity give away more than it takes in? Answer number one: because we care. Answer number two: because we can. In the beginning of the Scholarship Fund, twenty-six years ago, some healthy donations by our own board members got the fund started and were more than what was needed for the initial scholarship awards we made. Funds were invested with a view to the future, and additional donations were made along the way by our board members that built up the Fund’s reserves. Today, we can proudly say that 100% of your donations go toward scholarship awards to NU NROTC midshipmen. And we can also say that, to a limited extent, our own reserves can be tapped to make up the difference between your donations and the real needs of our current midshipmen. I’m careful to say that this is only possible to a limited extent. The cost of a four-year education at a quality university is enormous. Even students with NROTC scholarships are graduating with unpaid bills and loans. When I left college some fifty-six years ago and began my Navy salary, I would not have been able to pay off any college loans. I don’t imagine it is any easier today. NROTC graduates going into the Navy or Marine Corps to serve their country should not have to carry the burden of college loans with them. With college expenses what they are, your donations to the Scholarship Fund are more important now than ever before. Take a good look at all of the charities to which you donate. Does all of the money you donate go to the intended purpose of the charity? I can only think of one charity that can make that claim, and I serve on its board of directors. Surf the Internet to research the big charities that ask you to donate. Most have administrative expenses, including CEO salaries that will make your head spin. All of the Scholarship Fund board members serve without pay or any benefits. We travel to our board meetings at our own expense because we want to... not because we have to. We don’t solicit donations in the Crow’s Nest, but alumni can donate to the Scholarship Fund with a check sent to 14197 Classique Way, San Diego, CA 92129. Tax-deductible donations can also be made with PayPal or a major credit card by using the “Donate” button on your alumni website at www.nu-nrotc.org. Keep us informed of your whereabouts so that you can continue to receive the Crow’s Nest and be listed on the website. Send your alumni news to me at vicgulliver@comcast.net or send your alumni news along with your mailed donations. Feel free to contact any of our board members whose email addresses are listed on the website. NOTE: The Scholarship Fund is looking to add new members to its board of directors. We do almost all of our board business via email, but we do require board members to attend our annual board meetings at the NROTC Unit each June. There’s no pay, but the satisfaction is great. If you would like to join the board and contribute actively to running this worthwhile charity, send a message to our president, Tom Pauloski at thomas.pauloski@bernstein.com or thomas.pauloski@gmail.com. The Scholarship Fund is grateful for the continuing generous donations of many alumni, and hopeful of seeing new donations from those who are able.
We have lost track of the following NROTC Unit 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 vircgulliver@comcast.net.

“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”
- Laurence Binyon, 1914

Lost alumni from the 1930’s:
Mr. James D. Martin, ’35
Mr. Herbert C. Davisson, ’36
Mr. Charles F. Roht, ’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 F. Friedt, Jr., ’44
Fr. Sherrill J. Smith, ’44
Mr. Guy E. Thompson, ’44
Mr. Herbert E. Blaz, ’45
Mr. Joseph F. Carroll, ’45
Mr. William P. Roessner, ’45
Mr. Stanley A. Brenton, ’46
Mr. Rodney P. Carothers, ’46
Mr. Lawrence R. Eades, ’46
Mr. Herbert E. Hanson, ’46
Mr. Clovis Harrison, ’46
Mr. Rollin H. Kimball, Jr., ’46
Mr. Robert V. Kremer, ’46
Mr. Richard D. McClintic, ’46
Mr. Charles G. McGourty, ’46
Mr. Eugene J. Minger, ’46
Mr. William W. Montgomery, ’46
Mr. John Barrett O’Malley, ’46
Mr. Svend A. Secher, ’46
Mr. Walter Arnold Smith, Jr., ’46
Mr. Robert C. Stevens, ’46
Mr. John L. Sullivan, ’46
Mr. Wayne C. Wendelsdorfer, ’46
Mr. Edward N. Brown, II, ’47
Mr. Kenneth A. Hansen, ’47
Mr. William B. Keepin, ’47
Mr. Charles J. Krippes, ’47
Mr. Harry H. Marshall, ’47
Mr. Charles C. Snider, ’47
Mr. John T. Snyder, ’47
Mr. Walter C. Waltrip, ’47

Lost alumni from the 1950’s:
Mr. Paul Coen, ’50
Mr. John R. (Bob) Notz, ’50
Mr. William J. Henke, ’51
Mr. Robert P. Stouder, ’51
Mr. Richard C. Underwood, ’51
Mr. Stanley J. Karp, ’53
Mr. Thomas G. Kelly, III, ’53
Mr. John E. Arms, ’54
Mr. Leland E. Anderson, ’54
Mr. William H. Andersen, ’54
Mr. Albert Ottaviani, ’54
Mr. Donald P. Brown, ’55
Mr. Grigsby V. Gamble, ’55
Mr. Peter E. Gilles, ’55
Mr. Dale S. Sappenfield, ’55
Mr. Roy W. Staggs, ’55
Mr. John E. Barnes, III, ’58
Mr. Robert E. Burns, ’58
Mr. Richard F. Craig, ’58
MAJ Frank L. Capin, ’59
Mr. Lawrence H. Melin, ’59
Mr. Gerald D. Reed, ’59

Lost alumni from the 1960’s:
Mr. Brooks F. Smith, Jr., ’60
Mr. Richard F. Ingram, ’61
Mr. David L. Marks, ’61
Mr. Tommy E. McPherson, ’61
Mr. William L. Barnes, ’62
Mr. James R. Michael, ’62
Mr. Adrian Spicer, ’62
CAPT Timothy A. Lamphier, ’63
Mr. John W. Rotter, ’63
Mr. Francis E. Neir, III, ’64
Mr. James R. Orelli, ’64
Mr. Ronald C. Wilkinson, ’64
CAPT Thomas W. Crew, II, ’66
Mr. Gordon T. Reed, ’66
Mr. Joseph C. Davis, ’67
Mr. Robert A. Shearer, ’67
Mr. Richard J. Both, ’68
Mr. William De Leeuw, ’68
Mr. Harry R. Hebblewhite, ’68
Mr. James D. Montgomery, Jr., ’68
Mr. Robert G. Nordmann, ’68
Mr. Walter N. Gregory, ’69
Mr. William A. Hastings, ’69
Mr. R. Wesley Miller, ’69
Mr. Robert W. Thompson, ’69

Lost alumni from the 1970’s:
Mr. Tom E. Mitchell, ’70
Mr. Steven R. Weissbrod, ’70
Mr. John H. Woodard, ’70
Mr. Gary L. Zambito, ’70
Mr. George W. Roope, III, ’71
Mr. Richard P. Welch, ’72

Lost alumni from the 1980’s:
Mr. Timothy R. Warwick, ’81
Mr. Paul T. Fuligni, ’82
CAPT Susan L. Dunlap, ’84
Mr. Christopher Hagen, ’84
CDR Steven M. Jaeger, ’86
Mr. Bartholomew R. Williams, ’87
Mr. David E. Perto, ’89
Mr. Daniel L. Smith, ’89
Mr. Christopher A. Solee, ’89

Lost alumni from the 1990’s:
Mr. Thomas J.J. Chamberlain, ’92
Mr. Jeffery C. Chandler, ’92
Mr. Victor S. Chen, ’93
Mr. Andrew D. Gainer, ’93
CAPT John J. James, USMC, ’98
Mr. Philip E. Flies, ’99

Lost alumni from the 2000’s:
Mr. David F. Kuntz, ’08

Lost alumni from the 2010’s:
Mr. Edward W. Hardy III, ’58
22 August 2013

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Ross A. Porter, ’40
20 July 2013

Everett A. Girtler, ’43
1 September 2013
Pictured at right.

Edward W. Hardy III, ’58
22 August 2013