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Greetings again from our palatial estate at 617 Haven Street in Evanston from wherein all good things come and future military leaders get their start at becoming the protectors of our national security. This is my last opportunity to contribute to the Crow’s Nest as I will be moving on to Naval War College as Director, Maritime Advanced Warfighting School in June. I look forward to that challenge but will miss participating in the work done at Northwestern to develop high school students into leaders with an educational and moral background that will serve them well in their professional and personal lives.

The state of the unit continues to be great, and we have been busy with more to come this Winter/Spring. The second Chicago Consortium drill meet was a lot of fun due to a tremendous amount of preparation by Midshipmen and staff to compete in squad drill, color guard and a wildcard event of an endurance team competition thrown in. NU took the cup again, but our Consortium brothers from Illinois Institute of Technology gave them a run for their money.

We also enjoyed a wonderful evening in downtown Chicago for our Military Ball. The Midshipmen were decked out in their SDNs with surprisingly good-looking dates. I suppose everyone loves a man or woman in uniform! In a few weeks, we will hold our dining in which also promises to be a fine evening of military lore, remembrance and camaraderie.

Just completed is our Assistant Military Officer Instructor Challenge. Held in Patten Gym, it was a hard-fought battle between NU and IIT in a series of athletic competitions. The effort was amazing, and in the end, the NU Battalion prevailed in a squeaker. It was fun to watch and is one of the events we like for its ability to bring all of our students together in the consortium concept. We will continue that in March with group participation in the Notre Dame Leadership Conference in South Bend. They have some truly heavy-hitters on the program of panelists which will allow exposure and the opportunity for our Mids to ask questions.

With all of our activities, I’m reminded that we are a small-medium unit. The Navy is happy with that as their prescribed officer loading in the fleet and the budget dictates cost-cutting measures. Moves are afoot that will change the paradigm for NROTC that will actually help us with increasing our population of students. NU is a difficult school to gain admission to even for scholarship students. NU has helped us with that, but the new push is to offer scholarships to college students not currently on scholarship but committed to service. This will open the door to opportunity which we have jumped on.

University support continues to be outstanding as has been the unit’s support from donors. Support directly to the unit is always important to allow execution of our activities, but grants to students by the Naval Scholarship Fund have been particularly impactful on our Midshipmen who receive them. Thank you all for that. “Pay it forward” is clearly alive and well.

Our staff continues to be steady state with CDR Keith “Keebler” Holihan doing the grunt of the heavy lifting as XO. Advisors remain unchanged with LT Phil Dunsford (aviation), LT Adrian Lai (nuke) and LT Graham Van Hook (SWO). Capt Colin Boynton is finishing his tour as Marine Officer Instructor and will head back to the FMF this summer. MSgt Donald Hughes is our newest addition as AMOI and brings everything you would expect to the fight. Mr Mike Dalluge is still working our supply and logistics side in a superb way, and we did have a victory in the front office. We have been fighting for well over a year to get our Human Resource Assistant billet back on the funded list and just found out the work paid off. This billet is critical to the care and feeding of both Midshipmen and staff, so we are very happy to have this formalized once again. All of the above are doing what is necessary keep our ship afloat and our Midshipmen at the ready.

An officer’s first operational tour always seems to be the most memorable due to the camaraderie built, mistakes made, successes attained and the fact that you know your feet are firmly planted in the pool of the Navy and Marine Corps community. Of those I served with in my first tour, 12 became commanding officers which is pretty inspirational. Our goal is to train our Midshipmen for that kind of success in the “real” environment both personally and professionally. I hope we are getting there because these kids deserve nothing less than our best effort.

As always, the door is open! (but wear your parka…it’s cold and snowy).
As the Fall 2014 Battalion Commander, the past semester was one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences I have had. As the semester comes to a close, I reflect upon all of the successes our unit has accomplished, starting with New Student Orientation. Orientation was held at the Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes. Throughout the week you could see the 4/C grow as they took part in different training activities. As this was my first time working orientation, it was incredible to see the growth and development that took place among the 4/C as well as the midshipmen staff. The entire week went smoothly and transitioned us into the start of a great Fall semester.

Our battalion consists of 8 Northwestern midshipmen and 13 Loyola midshipmen, 2 of which are studying abroad in Rome, Italy. Because we have a small unit there is an earlier chance for leadership development. Our 2/C and 3/C have taken on high leadership roles and have excelled. As well as leadership enhancement our unit has also put a large focus on PT this semester. For the first few weeks of the semester PT was mandatory twice a week for everyone until you passed a mock PRT. However, even after the mock PRT occurred and it was no longer mandatory to attend both sessions, the entire battalion still showed up to PT twice a week. This amounted in the entire battalion meeting at Northwestern at 0600 three days a week for the entire semester. The amount of commitment these midshipmen put into their ROTC events is admirable and in the end their hard worked paid off.

This year we took part in the second annual Chicago Consortium Drill Competition. This event consisted of a squad drill competition, a color guard competition as well as an endurance team race. I am extremely proud to say that we took 1st place in all of these events and brought back the trophy for a second year in a row. Some other events we participated in include the Loyola Faculty BBQ, the Northwestern Homecoming Parade, the Northwestern Naval ROTC Alumni BBQ, the Veterans Day Ceremony as well as the United States Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball. All of these events required extensive planning and would not have been possible without the hard work of our midshipmen and unit staff. My time as Battalion Commander has been tough, but extremely rewarding. Everyone in our unit is driven and talented. The amount of work and dedication our battalion puts forth is overwhelming and I am so proud to have led them this past semester.
Midshipmen Abroad on Leave

Over the summer, several midshipmen had the opportunity to travel abroad to other countries. The midshipmen featured in the following photographs are MIDN 3/C Lauren Kearney and MIDN 3/C Phillip Kulas.

MIDN 3/C Kearney traveled to the country of Jordan with Project GO; a program catered to ROTC students with an interest in foreign studies.

MIDN 3/C Kulas traveled to Brazil and saw a U.S. World Cup match in addition to touring parts of the country.

Other midshipmen that aren’t featured traveled abroad as well. These include Midn 2/C Craig Sabath, who studied at Bayreuth University in Germany, and MIDN 2/C Peter Carlin, who also spent time in Brazil.
On 18 August 2014, we were grouped together with 15 other strangers and labeled the incoming fourth class. Coming off a lazy summer, orientation week was a brisk slap in the face. Although the upperclassmen had us wake up at 0445, that was only the tip of the iceberg.

The days were long. After physical training in the morning, we had to shower, use the head, and change into our NWU’s for morning chow. The pressure was the most significant adaptation I had to make; however, by the end of the week, the upperclassmen transitioned from our harshest critic to our benevolent supporters.

We began to understand the basic principles that the upperclassmen were advocating with attention to detail being the pinnacle of the precipitated values. After the confidence chamber wreaked havoc on our faces, we were given opportunities to build relationships and hone our leadership skills. Through the sailing portion of orientation week, we were given the opportunity to build teamwork as we attempted to maneuver a boat.

Camaraderie was essential to completing the week. Along with this, we were able to revisit our reasoning for wanting to become naval officers. Seeing the capping ceremony for the newly-minted sailors inspired me to one day develop mentally, morally, and physically to where I may properly lead our enlisted. By 23 August, I was not with 15 other strangers. I was with my brothers and sisters.
From 22MAY to 21JUN2014, I attended CORTRAMID in California. My first week there was Marine Week, which was spent at Camp Pendleton. During the week, we fired an array of weapons, practiced basic infantry tactics, ran through the Infantry Immersion Trainer, and learned basic MCMAP and fought with Pugil Sticks.

Week two was Surface Week, which consisted of briefs and exhibits of different aspects of the surface fleet, including Riverines, Expeditionary SWOs, and one day underway on an Amphib.

The following week, Submarine Week, I was able to board a submarine, go underway, and explore for about a night.

My final week was Aviation Week. I got a ride in an SH-60 and got to take a flight up in a T-34 and do some minor maneuvering.

I enjoyed Marine Week the most because we were constantly active and I felt that I got to do some things that I may never do again in the Navy. However, each week showed me a unique aspect of the Navy and Marine Corps and gave me a good idea about the options that are available to me in the Navy.

CORTRAMID was an eye-opening experience. It is a tremendous opportunity to be immersed in the fleet and have the opportunity to meet with some of the enlisted and commissioned sailors and Marines. Even better is to hear their opinions on life in the Navy and have a first-hand experience of life in the fleet.
Walking around the USS Nimitz is intimidating. Each ladder well leads to a different hatch and there’s people everywhere, going about their many jobs. Once I figured out the paths to get to the wardroom, living quarters, and the galley, I felt so accomplished. The best part of cruise was being able to explore the different parts of the carrier. Going all the way up to pri-fly and the bridge and being able to see everything going on around the ship and on the flight deck was amazing.

Having the chance to talk to sailors and find out what they do to contribute to the carrier carrying out its mission really educated me about each person’s importance for the overall mission of the carrier and the navy. I also had the chance to spend time in the reactor spaces, which solidified my decision to try to service select Nuclear Surface Warfare Officer. I enjoyed seeing the technical proficiency of the nuclear officers working in the reactor and talking to them about their work in the Navy.

Being on a carrier was a great opportunity. Aside from a port call in Victoria, Canada and spending time exploring the Pacific Northwest, I also loved interacting with everyone on the ship. I don’t think there’s any other time when I will get so many different opportunities to talk to so many different people all in one place and be able to participate in a wide array of experiences, like shooting a 50-cal, washing dishes with sailors, witnessing an UNREP, and watching a helicopter land 20 yards from where I stood.

Overall, I had a great learning experience on the carrier and enjoyed making friendships with the other midshipmen on board. It was an invaluable experience that will help shape my future naval career.
This past summer I travelled to Bridgeport, CA for ten days to attend training at the United States Marine Corps’ Mountain Warfare Training Center. The hikes, training, and time with my fellow Marine Options made for a very motivating experience. I left Bridgeport excited to start my third year in NROTC at Northwestern and make my final preparations for Officer Candidate School this upcoming summer.

From what I've read about MWTC in the past, it hasn’t seemed to change much. Midshipmen undergo multiple high altitude hikes through the surrounding mountains in Bridgeport. Being a ‘flat-lander’ who grew up and has only trained significantly in sea-level Chicago, the altitude of Bridgeport worried me in the months leading up to MWTC. I spent dozens of hours on the stair-stepper to strengthen my legs for the mountain hikes. It ultimately paid off as I kept pace on all hikes.

In addition to the multiple hikes, we had plenty of class time. The instructors at MWTC gave us several classes a day on a variety of mountain warfare topics ranging from building survival shelters and mountain land navigation to water procurement. Aside from those classes, it was awesome to hear personal stories and lessons from the active-duty staff at MWTC. Rappelling and rock climbing added plenty of fun to the training, as well.

It's impossible to remember every detail I learned at MWTC, but I have two particular experiences that really made my time at MWTC special. First, I was among the first batch of midshipmen assigned to be platoon sergeants to move the midshipmen through the training. This was my first taste of peer leadership. You never know how you'll act in front of your peers until you finally do it. Not knowing any of the thirty midshipmen in my platoon made it especially difficult. I was more confident at some times than others, but all in all, it was great preparation for OCS. During one certain evolution, I was the last platoon sergeant to get their platoon to chow. I was down on myself for it until one of the midshipmen in my platoon, who I didn’t know, came up to me and complimented me on the job that I was doing. His words lifted my spirits immensely and inspired me to hit the next evolution as enthusiastically as possible. Next summer at OCS, I will follow that midshipman’s example and be as good of a follower as I will a leader.

A few days later, the staff sent us off for a few hours to build our own survival shelters to sleep in for the next few nights. Two midshipmen and I grouped up and built what we thought was a pretty solid shelter made primarily of our ponchos held down by survival cords and stones. All was well until it started to rain and we realized how terrible our shelter was. Our bodies and gear were completely soaked and we felt like idiots because we seemed like the only midshipmen who couldn’t build a decent shelter. In addition to our shame, we were freezing. Despite our low spirits, we banded together and built a second and much more successful shelter that served us well the next three days.

What those two experiences taught me was that the training and jobs I will have to do in the Marine Corps will be incredibly challenging. The strength required to get through them comes not only from within myself, but from those serving right there alongside me.
During my 1/C Summer Cruise, I had the fortunate opportunity to travel to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii onboard the USS Port Royal (CG 73). I lived in Officer Country and shadowed an Ensign who provided useful insight for the types of responsibilities I will have upon graduation.

Of course I had a phenomenal time exploring the island of Oahu on liberty with the other 1/C Midshipmen. However, the real value of the three weeks in Hawaii came from the daily activities observing interactions amongst Officers and their divisions.

I was able to witness significant ship evolutions as they prepared for the world’s largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC.

I witnessed interservice coordination as helicopter operations were conducted with Army UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters on the flight deck. I was also able to observe Replenishment At Sea (RAS) from the bridge while the USS Port Royal took on fuel. Standing watch on the bridge in the early morning and late night was a fantastic training opportunity as I conned the ship as often as possible. I certainly made the most of this experience by asking questions and doing as many activities as the crew would allow, focusing on the Officer’s aspect of all operations.

There were numerous lessons learned that simply could not be taught in a classroom environment. It helped immensely by familiarizing me with shipboard life and the responsibilities of a Junior Officer. Getting hands-on experience is invaluable and something that I am so grateful for as I prepare myself for commissioning as a Surface Warfare Officer.
Every Marine Option highly anticipates the six week training during the summer before their senior year of college, also known as Officer Candidate School (OCS). The completion of OCS is the rite of passage into the Marine Corps for officers; similar to how civilians are made into Marines at recruit training. OCS tests Candidates in three categories: Physical fitness, academics, and most importantly, leadership. Going through OCS this past summer was by no means easy; however, it was an incredible opportunity that allowed each Candidate to grow as a leader.

There are two main concepts that stood out the most for me at OCS. First, is the importance of your character; excelling as well as growing within every task you are assigned. 5th Platoon started out with about sixty Candidates and by graduation only fifty were left. Most Candidates were dropped due to a lack of character. Whether it was an integrity violation or not giving 100% effort at all times, the Sergeant Instructors could pick out the Candidates who did not demonstrate the ability to lead. These Candidates slowly disappeared and the Candidates who did have potential leadership and character to lead Marines stayed. Those who graduated became incredibly close with each other over the six weeks, which leads to the second concept I grew to love; camaraderie.

Out of the sixty candidates of 5th Platoon I only knew four prior to arrival; however, by graduation I felt as though I had known many of the Candidates for years. Some of the relationships I made with the Candidates of 5th Platoon will continue for many more years. However, some relationships, unfortunately, will not last as long. A few months after graduation, one of our fellow Candidates passed away. The whole platoon was shocked by the news; as a result, we all reminisced on how great of a man he was and all the good and difficult times we experienced together. At OCS I caught a small glimpse of the camaraderie the Marine Corps has to offer. OCS was a humbling experience that allowed me to grow and truly understand the expectations as a future Marine Corps Officer.
“FALL IN!” The crisp words are belted out and echoed around the Illinois Institute of Technology Keating Sports Center basketball court. The words trigger a flurry of action and the six Northwestern University midshipmen march to their unit leader, Midshipman 2nd Class Craig Sabath, under the watchful, expectant gaze of the Marine drill instructor. After both the IIT and NU drill teams executed the entire drill regimen, the 2014 Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Chicago Consortium Drill Competition had officially begun.

The day’s schedule proceeded with the Color Guard competition, with Northwestern University’s team being led by Midshipman 3rd Class Ryan Pattullo. The Color Guard Competition was followed by the final event of the day, the 5-mile Endurance Team Race. Both universities competed with two endurance teams; NU Team One was led by Midshipman 3rd Class Phillip Kulas and consisted of seasoned endurance team competitors, while NU Team Two was led by Midshipman 4th Class Christopher Dungey and consisted of his fellow 4th Class midshipmen. The grueling course was riddled with stations involving several physical challenges including tire flips, pull-ups, squad push-ups, and several other trials.

Overall, the Northwestern University NROTC Battalion swept the Illinois Institute of Technology Battalion in every event. By a narrow margin NU defeated IIT in Squad Drill, Color Guard, and the Endurance Race. Midshipman Kulas’ team finished the Endurance Race as the first place winners, followed by IIT’s Team One in second place, NU’s Team Two in third, and IIT’s Team Two in fourth place. The 2014 Consortium Drill Competition was a clear demonstration of a friendly, competitive spirit and camaraderie between the two units of aspiring officers.
Military Ball

The table of the official party seated in the corner of the room in the Willis Tower

The Navy and Marine Corps birthday cake

A view of Northwestern University and Illinois Institute of Technology midshipmen observing the ceremonious beginning of the ball

A view of Chicago that the Chicago Consortium of NROTC enjoyed while dining and celebrating the birthday of the United States Navy and Marine Corps

(Left) Midn 2/C Sabath with his date
(below) MIDN 3/C Kearney with her date

(Left) MIDN 4/C Medina with his date
(below) MIDN 3/C Kulas with his date
(Right) MIDN 3/C Pattullo with his date
Service Community Dinners

Surface Warfare Dinner

As a Navy Option midshipman who is seriously considering entering the SWO community, I greatly appreciated the opportunity to attend the Surface Warfare Dinner this past academic term. The event, which several former and current SWOs attended, was held at a local pizzeria, providing a relaxed setting to speak candidly. From discussing what are the best and worst parts of being a SWO, to ship selections, to leadership decisions and personal stories, to the experience as a female officer—the insight the SWOs shared was very enlightening. I found particularly intriguing the shared agreement on one important principle of SWO leadership: take advice from the Chief you lead. Entering the fleet will be a steep learning curve and it is important as a leader to be humble enough to learn from, respect, and work with the enlisted service members you will lead. Another unifying theme from the SWOs was how invaluable their time in the Navy was to them. Whether stationed in Hawaii or on the East Coast, on a large carrier or a smaller destroyer, whether continuing as a career officer or currently in graduate school, each officer agreed they would not have chosen a different path. I am grateful for the insight and look forward to the continued training to prepare for work as a Naval Officer—no matter which community I eventually enter.

–MIDN 4/C Olyvia Chinchilla

Submarine Warfare Dinner

In contrast to the slew of pizza dinners, advocates of the Submarine community organized a dinner at Flat Top Grille. Our 2nd and 3rd Class Advisor, LT Lai, and I planned a dinner focused on educating our younger midshipmen on the life of a submariner. While I cannot speak to the hardships or joys of being a member of the Silent Service, I did offer my experience aboard the USS Sea Wolf (SSN-21) that I gained over the summer. In attendance were two members of the Veteran’s Association at the Kellogg School of Management. These former submariners have been in contact with LT Lai as classmates within Kellogg. Being from separate platforms, one from Fast Attack and one from Guided Missile, these gentlemen offered their personal experience and advice regarding joining and succeeding as an officer of America’s growing Submarine Fleet. One specific key point that the officer’s highlighted was that the Navy is constantly changing and making adjustments to the submarine fleet. This will challenge our midshipmen, when they become officers, to harness these changes and adapt into strong components of the most formidable force on earth.

–MIDN 2/C Peter Carlin

Aviation Dinner

On 19 NOV 2014, the Northwestern NROTC Unit sponsored a Naval Aviation dinner at Giordano’s. After a long day, Midshipmen were allowed to informally speak with their aviation officers as well as a retired pilot who was attending Kellogg at the time; all this while enjoying mounds of Giordano’s deep-dish pizza. There was a total turnout of about 6 Midshipmen, 4 pilots, and 1 former Midshipman who will be attending flight school in the spring. Having all of these experienced guests present gave the Midshipmen a great opportunity to learn more about the aviation community in a comfortable setting. The officers told stories of their flying experiences and shared some helpful tips about taking on the challenge of becoming a pilot. All in all, the aviation dinner was a success.

–MIDN 3/C Ryan Pattullo

Marine Corps Social

Every semester the Marine staff and Marine Options host a social event at a local restaurant to discuss the Marine Corps. For the Marine Options it is a great opportunity to speak with the staff about their experience in the Corps and gain knowledge about other opportunities available. On occasion other marines are able to attend the event. This last social, we had the opportunity to speak to a logistics officers, a Captain, who was stationed at the local 2/24 reserve unit. For a couple of hours the Marine Options were able to enjoy good chow and gain valuable insight from their mentors.

–Midn 1/C Alan Smith
On 19 December, I had my Commissioning ceremony to mark the end of my student career here at Northwestern. Though I graduated with my undergraduate degree in June of 2014, I chose to have my Commissioning delayed in order to finish a Master’s degree in Mechanical Engineering through Northwestern’s BS/MS program. My final 6 months as a graduate student challenged me, and it felt great to finally have completed my degrees and be commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy.

The ceremony was held in the Lake Room of the Norris Student Center, overlooking Lake Michigan and the Technological Institute Building, which is known lovingly by students as “Tech”. Many of my friends and family traveled from all around the country to attend the ceremony, including those from Arizona, California, Maryland, Ohio, New York, Virginia, and Texas. My younger brother, Peter, a midshipman at the University of Texas, rendered me the First Salute. I am so proud of him, and even though he is younger than me, I learn new things from him all the time about flying and about leadership. My older brother, Nate, a Captain in the Marine Corps and Harrier pilot, delivered the Oath of Office to me. I look up to him for anything and everything, and I was honored to have him there for me that day.

My parents, both ex-military pilots, were there to help me change over my insignia as I faced the audience. CAPT Koehr presented the Blue Star Banner to my mother to recognize her dedication and sacrifice as the mother of two active duty military members.

It was the perfect way to wrap up my experience at Northwestern, and I am excited to start flight school in Pensacola, Florida in January!
Richard E. Schlecht- '38: “All the best; keep up the good fight! Onward! 99 years old this week past.” (1/15)

Jules F. Scott- '41: “In April I received a surprising gift: It is a piece of the hull steel plate, with two rivets, mounted on a piece of the wood deck of the USS Texas (BB 35) with a nice commemorative inscription as follows: “You brought ‘wood and steel’ to life. Battleship Texas BB 35,” Texas is being overhauled and renewed near Houston. I served as an Ensign (’42) and JG (’42-’43). After that I served in anti-submarine work in DDs and DEs. I was on Texas in the African Invasion at Casablanca... Later I served on an Admiral’s staff as an Operations Officer in the Pacific invasions. I am eternally grateful to the Navy for my training at NU and for my survival and success in the Navy. I hold three wartime decorations.” (11/14)

Clement T. Duffy- '47: “Still working full-time as an Insurance Broker specializing in Medicare Supplement plans for old people.” (11/14)

Carl K. Hoffmann II- '51: “The Hoffmanns moved from Anna Maria, Florida to Saint Augustine the summer of 2014. Carl Hoffmann founded the enhanced JROTC Award Program for the Sons of the American Revolution.” (11/14)

John H. Van Deventer- '54: “I play duplicate bridge once a week. I remember playing pot limit poker with the pilots on the USS Lake Champlain (CVA-39) during my three years of active duty as a ship’s company officer after graduating from Northwestern in 1954. I won a lot of money from the pilots.” (1/15)

Ben J. Mogui, Jr., '57: “Still a very active retiree – golf, walking, bridge and working with elders who live on minimum Social Security. Still in contact with Henry Johnson (Dr.) 1957; Robert Flinn ('57); William Westlake ('57)” (12/14)

Donald T. Harris- '58: “Thanks to the Board for their time – especially CAPT Gulliver.” (11/14)

Darse E. Crandall, Sr- '59: “We are proud of our son Darse (Del) Crandall, Jr. (Northwestern NROTC Class of 1984.) He was selected to be an Admiral in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps.” (11/14)

Theodore T. Leber- '59: “Recently edited his third book relating to 403(b) retirement plans. Alums can Google “Ted Leber Fees” to learn my focus. My spouse, Michele Leber, is an active book reviewer.” (12/14)

James M. Livingston- '60: “Looking forward to our class reunion at NU football homecoming next fall.” (12/14)

John W. Kluesener- '64: “After 2 great years as the COMM Officer on USS O’Hare (DD889) (Real Navy), left active duty from Vietnam to go to grad school at the University of Wisconsin in Environmental Science. After earning a PhD went on to engineering/project management with Bechtel. Lots of Navy-like travel—every country in Mid East including Iraq (2003-2004) but excluding Syria. Now “retired” but teaching college chemistry.” (12/14)

Bradley C. Poole- '65: “My best to all in the Class of 1965.” (11/14)

Richard A. McAdoo- '68: “Aviation Operations and Safety consultant. Mostly FAA but some domestic and international carriers as well.” (1/15)

Richard O. Briggs- '69: “Thank you for your work on this (The Scholarship Fund).” (11/14)

Daniel D. Edward- '69: “Dan continues as the School Board Chairman for Virginia Beach, Virginia responsible for 68,000 students and 13,000 employees with an $800 million budget.” (11/14)

R. Lee Griffith- '70: “Completed 12th year of sprint triathlons.” (11/14)

Mark T. Brown- '74: “CAPT Mark T. Brown, SC, USN (Ret.) is living in the Southern California area and works for The Aerospace Corporation.” (12/14)

Burton L. Streicher- '70: “I retired from the Center for Naval Analysis this year as a Principal Research Scientist and now am on part-time ‘on call’. My wife, Debbie, and I started a new business this year that is called Milestones Ministry, LLC. We provide faith formation material for individuals and congregations such as Taking Faith Home bulletin inserts and Life Milestone Events modules. We are greatly enjoying the work and feel we are making a difference in people’s lives.” (12/14)

James R. Lundeen- '73: “I head up sales and marketing for Cyanotech Corporation, a grower and marketer of algae nutritional products from the Big Island of Hawaii.” (12/14)

William O. Glass, Jr- '76: “Entering second year as senior Naval Science Instructor for the NJROTC Unit at Bridgeport (CT) Military Academy.” (12/14)

Brian J. Gegan- '84: “Best and warmest greetings to all Wildcats – especially the Class of ’84!” (12/14)

Lisa M. Franchetti- '85: “RDML Lisa Franchetti, husband Jim Sievert, and daughter Isabel continue to enjoy serving in the Republic of Korea! A great opportunity for us to learn about a new culture and explore North East Asia! Hope to be back in the States in Fall 2015.” (12/14)

Lawrence G. Donovan, Jr. '87: “I retired from the Navy Reserve on July 1st – hard to believe it’s been 27 years!” (9/14)

David J. Dietz- '89: “Enjoying 3rd year as the State of Arizona NEPLO Officer while serving in the Navy Reserve. Reach out if ever in Arizona!” (11/14)

Asa J. (“Geordie”) Herald- '92: “was elected and promoted to partner, effective January 1, 2015, at the international law firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. Geordie concentrates his practice in the areas of structured finance and securitization and is resident in the Washington, DC offices of Morgan Lewis. He lives in the nearby Northern Virginia suburbs with his wife, Christie, and their three children.” (12/14)

LCDR Kyle Harken- '02 “recently moved from Maintenance Officer to Operations Officer as he begins his final year at Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 55 (VR-55).” (1/15)

Elisha D. Gowen- '12: “I recently transferred to the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), and I really enjoy my work there. I also received orders to go to Naval Hospital Guam in May 2015. I am excited about going overseas! I am taking a biochemistry course from U. C. Berkeley because it is one of the requirements that must be completed before applying for the Duty Under Instruction program for CRNA School.” (11/14)
Late last year, I attended a reunion of my first Navy squadron, VP-2, which was disestablished forty-five years ago. The Patrol Squadron Two Association, consisting of veterans of the squadron and their wives, numbers several hundred active members and several hundred more who aren’t so active. As one of the co-hosts of the reunion in Charleston, SC, I was curious about why so many people would bother to travel so far to get together with the people with whom they had served in the 1950's and 1960's.

For the most part, those who came to the reunion (which we do every two years) were people who had served in the squadron on their first tour in the Navy. Some of those people turned out to be Navy careerists, but most only served a single tour in the Navy. But VP-2 was their first operational experience in the Navy. We served in VP-2 at a time when the squadron would deploy for six months and then come home for a year. Many of us made three deployments in a four year tour. That was before the advent of email or even phone lines to some deployment sites. The men bonded in such places as Kodiak, Adak, Shemya, Iwakuni and Saigon, while the wives bonded with each other at home to keep their families going.

Asked to explain why these veterans and their wives felt so strongly about their experience in VP-2, many gave great credit to the Navy and to the squadron for getting them started on a path to success in life. One former electronics technician went on to become the producer of a popular TV show. A former jet mechanic who came into the Navy from abject poverty now owns the largest school bus company in his state.

So, what does any of this have to do with the NROTC Scholarship Fund? Many of us who were commissioned through the NROTC program give credit to our scholarships and our universities for giving us a good start in life. We worked hard to get where we are, but it all began with a great education followed by the experiences of leadership and accomplishment in the military, whether it was for one tour or a career. The NROTC Scholarship Fund helps to reduce some of the heavy costs of today’s college education, and the Fund is supported by people who want to give something back to the program that was of such great benefit to them along the way.

Through the years, the NROTC Scholarship Fund has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in supplemental scholarship assistance to midshipmen in the Northwestern NROTC Unit. This year alone, the Fund’s board of directors has allocated $44,000 for scholarship awards to midshipmen. We on the board take no credit for the amount of our awards. The money comes from you. All we do is spend it, and we do so as wisely as possible.

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 by check to the Scholarship Fund at 14197 Classique Way, San Diego, CA 92129. You can also make 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. We also 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. 100% of your donations go toward scholarship grants for midshipmen. Feel free to contact me at vicgulliver@comcast.net if you have any questions or comments. We look forward to hearing from you. And help us to keep our alumni files up to date by sending us your contact information when you move.

Many thanks to those who continue to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. Without you, our work would not be possible.
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 vicgulliver@comcast.net.

Lost alumni from the 1930’s
Mr. James D. Martin-'35
Mr. Herbert C. Davison-'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
Dr. O. Victor Wallgren-'40
Mr. Joel W. Townsend-'41
Mr. William H. Scriviner-'42
Mr. Robert W. Liess-'43
Mr. Glenn H. Friedt, Jr. -'44
Mr. William V. Richards-'44
Mr. 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. Daniel W. Wade-'45
Mr. Stanley A. Brenton-'46
Mr. Rodney P. Carothers-'46
Mr. Lawrence R. Eades-'46
Mr. James K. Egly-'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. Herman C. Stegen-'46
Mr. Robert C. Stevens-'46
Mr. John L. Sullivan-'46
Mr. Edgar W. Turner-'46
Mr. Wayne C. Wendelsdorf-'46
Mr. Edward N. Brown, II-'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
Mr. Donald J. Weintraut-'47

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Mr. Joseph J. Angner-'50
Mr. Paul Colen-'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. John E. Arms-'54
Mr. Leland E. Anderson-'54
Mr. William H. Anderson-'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. Browning-'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

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Mr. Brooks F. Smith, Jr.-'60
Mr. Richard F. Ingram-'61
Mr. David L. Marks-'61
Mr. Thomas E. McPherson-'61
Mr. William L. Barnes-'62
CAPT James A. Jackson-'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. Oreilly-'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. Harry R. Hebblewhite-'68
Mr. James D. Montgomery, Jr.-'68
Mr. Walter N. Gregory-'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. Weishrodt-'70
Mr. John H. Woodard-'70
Mr. Gary L. Zambito-'70
Mr. George W. Roopie, III- ‘71
Mr. Richard P. Welch-'72

Lost alumni from the 1980’s
CAPT Susan L. Dunlap-’84
Mr. Christopher Hagen-’84
CDR Steven M. Jaeger-’86
CDR Mark R. Laxen-’87
Mr. Bartholomew R. Williams- ‘87
Mr. David E. Perko-’89
Mr. Christopher A. Soelle-’89

Lost alumni from the 1990’s
Mr. Jeffery F. Chandler-’92
Mr. Andrew D. Gainer-’93
Ms. Christina A. Hultin-’99

Lost alumni from the 2000’s
LCDR Erica Sutherland-’01
Mr. Mitchell K. Hall-’05
Capt Patrick R. Tierney-’05
Mr. David F. Kuntz-’08

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ENS Ellen M. Burkmier-’13
2nd Lt. Brian S. Giaretta-’13