Glider Program Takes Flight

by Jim Hull ’82

During the summer of 2018, the Alumni League began a trial program of glider flying for upper class midshipmen interested in Naval aviation. Two midshipmen flew on separate days at Mountain Valley Airport, a civilian glider facility north of Los Angeles used concurrently for glider flying by US Air Force and US Navy test pilots during their test pilot curriculum at nearby Edwards Air Force Base.

Midshipmen are offered flight training at two levels. The first level starts with a pre-flight brief at the USC campus covering topics such as the history of glider flight, basic aerodynamics, aircraft flight controls and basic flight maneuvers. A day of flying is then scheduled that includes 4 flights in two different types of training gliders. Each flight consists of an aero-tow to 4000’ above the airport followed by practice maneuvers such as straight glides, turns, slow flight, introductory stalls, high drag device deployment, landing pattern demonstration and an introduction to formation flying while on tow. The second level of training is advanced instruction leading to solo flight or the FAA glider pilot rating.

ENS Carter Radovan, awaiting November 2018 orders to Pensacola, completed the first level course on 21 July 2018, followed by MIDN 1/C Austin MacLeod on 9 September and MIDN 1/C Jordan Tolentino on 28 October.

Calendar of Events

14 DEC 2018
Winter Commissioning
USC Campus

7 MAR 2019
Executive Committee Meeting
USC Orange County Center

29 - 30 MAR 2019
Women Alumnae Reunion
USC Campus

11 APR 2019
Board of Directors Meeting
USC Campus

10 - 11 MAY 2019
USC Graduation and Commissioning
USC Campus

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A new academic year is underway, and with it a new NROTC class is finding its way around the growing USC campus. This year USC received the most applications for admission ever – 64,000! When the dust settled, only 14% were selected and offered admission to the university. I was privileged in mid-August to attend the swearing-in of the new Class of 2022 in the Atrium of the venerable PE building. This event was somewhat different in that most of the new 4/C midshipmen were wearing the new Type III Navy Working Uniform (NWU) – the camouflage some have named “Guaco-flage,” because of its color similarity to guacamole! I prefer this new uniform color to the former blue camouflage uniforms, often dubbed “Blueberries,” or “Aqua-flage!”

Something new in the Navy is being implemented, with all future NROTC scholarship midshipmen being required to attend a pre-college orientation, or “mini-boot camp,” at Naval Training Center Great Lakes. New USC scholarship midshipmen were among the first to experience this training and reports are that it was an excellent introduction to the Navy and midshipman orientation. There are also possible plans underway for a new 2/C summer cruise, called “Battle Stations,” also at Great Lakes. Similar in some respects to the summer “OCS” (Officer Candidate School) required for Marine option students, this training would focus on a wide-range of skills needed for Naval officers.

In late September, I attended the annual airshow at MCAS Miramar in San Diego. As one of the best airshows in the country, the premier flying display is always the Navy “Blue Angels.” Several NROTC Alumni League members attended with me, and this year we also had six USC midshipmen join the fun, watching Navy and Marine Corps aviation in action! A highlight was getting together with LCDR Nate Scott (USC NROTC - 2007) who is a proud member of the Blue Angels, flying in the #4 Slot position in the Diamond formation. We all had our pictures taken with Nate and the other Blue Angel pilots next to one of the Blue jets.

At our Fall meeting, our Board of Directors discussed some potential new directions for the NROTC Alumni League in the area of social media. Stay tuned for more details as they develop…

The Alumni League is again awarding five $1,000 scholarships this fall semester to deserving midshipmen of the Trojan battalion. Again, this is only possible by the continuing generosity of YOU! Keep those checks and online tax-deductible donations coming! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Fight On!

Paul
Fall is a terrific time at USC. The energy of the community is infectious! It is an honor to work here and serve the Midshipmen (MIDN) and Marines of the Trojan Battalion (Bn). The Trojan Bn began the term with an abbreviated New Student Orientation (NSO) at USC. This is because all of our scholarship MIDN 4/C participated in the “pilot” 13-day Indoctrination Cruise aboard Naval Station Great Lakes, IL before they arrived at USC. They received initial militarization while training in basic firefighting, watch standing, seamanship, navigation, force protection, drill, and swimming, along with physical fitness training and military inspections. The pilot program is planned to expand to all scholarship MIDN nationwide in summer 2019. Our NSO focused on orientation to the Trojan Battalion and USC. The Trojan Battalion on-boarded 14 MIDN (12 Navy and 2 Marine Options). MIDN 1/C Hoyohoy (Battalion Commander) and LT Harden were the keys to planning and executing a safe, challenging, and standards-based program. We currently have 74 Midshipmen and Marines in the Trojan Battalion!

We began the fall term by holding a kickoff day to reorient the MIDN and Marines in preparation of the 2018-2019 school year. We ensured all MIDN and Marines understood their roles and responsibilities in the Trojan Bn, the basics of followership and leadership, how to counsel and mentor subordinates, and customs and courtesies. We view these concepts as the basic building blocks for a successful year. Upon these, we added accountability, communication, and planning and execution. The Trojan Bn is MIDN-led and staff guided.

The Trojan Bn has done an excellent job scheduling guest lecturers for Naval Science Laboratory this term. The term began with CDR Carrillo “Trojan” (CO, VAW-116), then RADM Green (Commander, Naval Special Warfare (NSW) Command) and CDR Marinics “daughter is in Trojan Battalion” (CO, NSW Basic Training Command), and CAPT Ring “Trojan” (Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31). All were engaging and the MIDN and Marines seemed to really appreciate their candor and insights.

We have had several excellent events this fall, including the Parent’s Weekend Tailgate and multiple personnel inspections. The Navy/Marine Corps Ball was on 2 Nov 2018 and the Blood Bowl at USC was 16 Nov 2018. The Guest of Honor was recently retired Navy SEAL, CAPT Duncan Smith, (USC ’81), whose son Kyler is a MIDN 1/C in the Trojan Battalion. The Ball Committee (led by MIDN 2/C Brunn) did a tremendous job planning the event.

We had one Marine Option complete OCS this past summer (MIDN 1/C Bonde). MIDN 1/C Faltemier passed his Naval Reactor interview. MIDN 1/C Hoyohoy was selected for a foreign exchange cruise with the Republic of Korea Navy. We had three MIDN 3/C participate in the “pilot” 10-day Sea Trials Cruise aboard Newport, RI or Jacksonville, FL. They received training in firefighting, damage control, watchstanding, seamanship, navigation, force protection, and swimming along with physical fitness and military inspection. At the culmination of Sea Trials, MIDN must pass a final exam to demonstrate their proficiency to advance in training and readiness to serve in the Fleet. The pilot is planned to expand to all MIDN 3/C nationwide in summer 2019.

Service assignment went well. We had MIDN 1/C assigned to: 5 to SWO, 6 to Naval Aviator, 1 to NFO, 1 Submarine,
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Our NROTC Alumni League members are scattered all over the world and it is always fun trying to keep up with all your moves and changes. One way that we can keep up, is for you to complete the “Update My Information” section of the Return Slip of The LOG when you send in your tax-deductible dues and contributions. Another way is to access the USC Alumni Association website [http://alumni.usc.edu/benefits/online.html](http://alumni.usc.edu/benefits/online.html) to update your profile, e-mail or mailing address. Whenever you move, get promoted, change your email address, go online to the USC Alumni site and pop in the current info. We don’t want you to become LOST…

Don’t FORGET!! 2018 Membership Dues are due NOW!

Please complete the form on the back page, write your tax-deductible check and send it to the Treasurer, Ed Tannenbaum, using the self-addressed envelope or to the NROTC Unit - Attention: Alumni League, at the address listed under “How to Contact Us”

Board of Director’s Meetings

All NROTC Alumni League Members are invited to attend the Spring and Fall Board Meetings as non-voting attendees. Reservations can be made with Paul Alwine: Home (949) 559-8659 or cell (949) 636-0603. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 10:00 on the USC Campus.

NROTC Alumni Scholarship Endowment

As of 31 July 17 the balance in the NROTC Scholarship Endowment over $261,000. We awarded $10,000 from the spendable account through 31 July 2018. $5000 scholarships in November 2017 and April 2018. Any questions regarding the Scholarship Endowment and our scholarship program, call Dave Dawes ‘63 (714-374-1230).

From the Ship’s Store

**Trojan Battalion Items:** USC NROTC Polo Shirts -$40, and USC NROTC Challenge Coins - $10 each. To Order: Contact NROTC Office listed above -“How to Contact Us”.

**Alumni League Items:** Tote Bag - $25, Alumni League Challenge Coins - $12, Bottle Openers (made from 50 Caliber Bullets - $42. To Order: email log_editor@yahoo.com

*All proceeds goes toward the support of the Trojan Battalion*
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and 1 SEAL). 85.7% got their first choice and 100% got their first or second choice. On 14 Dec 2018 we will commission MIDN 1/C Carter, Dennison, Faltemier, and Kudrave.

I would like to hail LT Tan (SWO), Capt Patitsas (MOI), and GySgt Crespin (AMOI). All have hit the ground running here at USC, and we are glad to have them on the team. I would also like to bid farewell to 1stSgt Acosta. He was selected and promoted to 1stSgt and now has orders to MAGCC Twenty-nine Palms, CA where he will be a 1stSgt with 1/7. He will do very well, and we will miss him!

Please know the Staff, Trojan Bn, and I are truly appreciative for the USC NROTC Alumni League’s support and commitment. Thank you! The financial assistance you provide to the MIDN and Marines is invaluable, but your love and passion for the Trojan Bn shines through in all of your engagements. You are role models of “what right looks like.”

Please ensure all graduates of the USC’s NROTC program know the Wardroom door is always open to them and we would be happy to provide a tour of the facilities at any time. Just contact me at christopher.michelsen@rotc.usc.edu or (804) 695-4844 and I will set it up. Lastly, if any graduates have internship opportunities for MIDN and Marines (during the school year or over the summer), please reach out. I think you will find them mentally prepared to provide significant value to your organization.

Semper Fidelis,

Chris
Glider Program

Candidates for the program are selected from a list, provided by the USC NROTC commanding officer, of Navy and Marine Option first and second-class midshipmen interested in becoming Naval aviators.

The cost of the first level course is approximately $500 per midshipman. With our limited financial resources, the League’s plan is to allocate $2000 per year from the Scholarship Spendable (28-4296) account for 4 upper class midshipmen to participate in first level training.

The second level of training offers midshipmen up to $2500 of matching dollars from the Alumni League Fund (22-5506) to pursue solo flight or the FAA private pilot glider rating. This is patterned after a matching program afforded to aeronautical engineers at Scaled Composites, an aerospace company located at nearby Mojave Air and Space Port. A sum of $6000 has been placed in the Alumni League Fund via a targeted donation from a USC NROTC alumnus to provide initial second level funding.

A second challenge is the distance to the training site. It is a two-hour drive from the USC campus to the flight school located west of Edwards AFB in the mountain community of Tehachapi, CA. While not insurmountable for one day of flying during an academic year weekend, it is a stretch to imagine a college student travelling multiple weekends during the academic year for the second level training. Possibly, a newly commissioned ensign or second lieutenant, with an extended delay for orders to Pensacola or The Basic School, may choose to participate. A first class midshipman may desire to train in the summer months between his junior and senior year.

Completion of the second level training to solo flight or beyond would put a USC midshipman on step with their counterparts at the USAF Academy, which has an extensive glider program. However, the main focus of our trial program will be the first level training. Midshipmen not selected for the program may participate if they have the ability to fund training with their own resources.

Questions or comments about the Glider Flight Program should be directed to Jim Hull ’82 at hulljamesc@aol.com or telephone (310) 902-3860. For information about the training site go to: www.skylarknorth.com.

We at the League hope this program offers a few of our aviation bound midshipmen an exciting introduction to the world of flight. The League will consider other future special projects, especially those that will complement the military career fields of our Navy and Marine Option midshipmen. Your ideas are welcome.

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Cockpit view of the ASK-2

MIDN 1/C Austin MacLeod in a Schleicher ASK-21 high performance training glider after completing his 4th flight in the League’s new Glider Flight Program.
The Trojan Battalion has started the Fall 2018 semester on a positive note. During our New Student Orientation (NSO), we gained 14 new MIDN 4/C and 1 MECEP, who are from diverse backgrounds. In addition, our new freshmen class had the opportunity to be a part of the Great Lakes NSO pilot program, which is a new initiative to provide incoming students with standardized training on what it means to be a Midshipmen. Additionally, we welcomed new members to our active duty staff: LT Tan (SWO), Capt Patitsas (MOI) and GySgt Crespin (AMOI).

This year, our unit has commissioned senior Midshipmen to various and diverse service assignments. In the Spring 2018 semester, we had three go SWO, one was selected for submarines, three were sent to naval flight school and another was selected for nuclear reactors. At the end of this current semester, two of our graduates will go to flight school to become pilots, one volunteered for the submarine service and one was chosen to be an Engineering Duty Officer in the SWO community.

Lastly, this year's graduating class of 2019 has just received their service assignments. Out of a class of 12 MIDN 1/C, five were selected to become pilots and one was designated to be a NFO. One MIDN will report to TBS and another will report to BUDS to become a Navy SEAL. Lastly, four MIDN have been designated to become Surface Warfare Officers, one of which has been "blue chipped" to the USS JOHN P. MURTHA and the other has been guaranteed a job as an Informational Professional.

Drill Team Update

As of 1 November 2018, the drill team has learned all marching movements required for upcoming drill competitions including: columns, flanks, obliques, to the rear, and open and close march. We are now starting to incorporate rifles and we are almost to the point where we can perform inspection arms. Once we master inspection arms, we will move on to marching with rifles to bring the two aspects of drill together. Finally we will be practicing the drill cards for the competitions that we will be participating in.

The drill team will be participating in 3 events this year. The first event will be the Area 11 NJROTC Field Meet Championships (2 Feb 2019). The drill team will be assisting in the facilitation of the field meet and will serve as role models and volunteers for the event. The second event will be the Southern California Invitational Drill Meet (SCIDM) on 9 Feb 2019. The drill team will be competing against other ROTC units in events including Platoon Drill and Color Guard.

Our final event will be the Colorado Drill meet at the University of Colorado Boulder (1-2 Mar 2019). We will have a drill team, color guard team, shooting team, and endurance team. The Drill team is composed of mainly freshman and a few 3/C who are passionate about drill. We are preparing hard every week to compete and win the SCIDM and Colorado Drill meets. The spring semester is going to be a busy one for the drill team and we are aiming to bring home some trophies!

Thank you Alumni League for your continued support!
We truly appreciate everything that you do for us.
Hello, my name is Bill Bau. I am a 1966 NROTC graduate of Marquette University and a January 1979 graduate of USC’s Systems Management Program. I’m writing as a board member of the Marquette NROTC Alumni and Friends Association. The Log editor asked me if I would write an article about our alumni association after I sent her a few comments on the 2017 Winter/Spring edition of “The Log.”

I have been a member of the board for almost two years. We have four board meetings per year, plus an annual all alumni meeting in conjunction with the University’s Homecoming / Reunion Weekend.

We have two parts to our association: The Seapower Leadership Association (SLA) and the Alumni and Friends Association (A & F). A & F is supported by membership dues and covers expenses incurred to run the board. The SLA supports Midshipmen activities such as leadership conferences, drill meets, marksmanship, pre-semester training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, plus travel and per-diem expenses in connection with these activities for which the Navy does not provide funding.

Board members have always been very proud of our support of the Midshipman Battalion and have received requests from other mid-western universities regarding starting an alumni club.

Marquette is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in an area very similar to where USC is located. It is close to downtown, in an older part of town about two miles from Lake Michigan. The unit is located in the old gym, very similar to USC.

The NROTC alumni reside all over the U.S. and not many live in Milwaukee. Our board has members who live in Arlington, VA; Arizona; Chicago; San Pedro, CA and Green Bay. It has been a challenge recruiting new members when an officer’s term expires.

Our group was launched in 1988, in anticipation of the Unit’s approaching 50th anniversary in 1990. After 1990, it essentially disappeared, except that one alumnus maintained a permanent fund-raising effort in support of Midshipman activities. The Marquette NROTC Alumni & Friends Association, Inc. was re-established in 2008, as a result of a Class of 1964 reunion gathering with the Commanding Officer at the Unit. During that year, two retired alumni attorneys researched not-for profit group requirements, and other alumni volunteered to form a Board of Directors.

The early group named an “Alumnus of the Year” in 1990, based on military career achievements. The present group next named an Alumnus of the Year in 2010, and did so again in 2012 and every year since. In 2012, a “Young Alumnus of the Year,” award was started for candidates who are in their first ten years of service. Winners of both awards cover the range from Navy and Marine flag officers to junior Marine lieutenants.

The Unit has had several flag officers including one vice-admiral and the Marine Corps Staff Judge Advocate General. This April, BGen Lorna Mahlock ’91 was the first black woman selected for her grade in the Marine Corps.

The pilot of the Navy S-3B Viking aircraft from which President George W. Bush landed on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln off of San Diego in 2003 was a Marquette graduate.

Several alumni attended the Unit commissioning ceremony in May. With the start of the new school year, the alumni group has supported a freshman orientation program at Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois and a “Welcome Back” lakefront lunch event following a Unit run. The annual alumni meeting and Unit open house were held on 6 October during the University’s homecoming and alumni weekend. The Naval Services Birthday Ball was held on 9 November, at which the alumni of the year awards were presented. Alumni donations help keep the Birthday Ball affordable for Midshipmen and their dates.

The Marquette NROTC Unit was launched in 1940, becoming the twelfth Unit formed in the nation. It is in its 78th year and still going strong. We are proud that our fellow alumni have found ways to continue supporting the Unit Midshipmen, while helping alums stay in touch with each other. We have class representatives for 70 percent of our classes to help make this happen. Our Porthole yearbooks are part of the Marquette University archives. We
have an active web site (https://mnraafa.wildapricot.org/admin/website/?pageld=7738 or MUNROTCalumni@wildapricot.com) for sharing information and our history, and Linked-In assistance to help with post-military employment.

Thanks to learning about the NROTC endowment at USC, we are exploring the possibility of establishing an endowment program for our Unit. Nostalgia for our Units is an important part of our personal makeup, but the most important thing is to keep moving forward. It seems to me that both our alumni groups are doing that very well.

We want to thank everyone for your generous contributions to the USC NRTOC Alumni League. There have been previous articles written on how your money is being used to support the Trojan Battalion and we wanted to share where the funds are coming from.

Last year (July 2017-June 2018) we received 225 donations. Most of these were made by mailing checks but some were done by on-line donations. Fifty-one graduation classes donated going back to the Class of 1944 to as recent as the Class of 2017. Your generous gifts ranged from the requested $25 to a couple over $1,000. The average donation was over $100.

A quick look by decades: Participation % based on those receiving the Log, Dollar % based on total dollars received.

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Thank You USC NROTC Alums! 
by Bob Bennett ’79
Back at the Battalion
Welcome Class of 2022!

Charlotte Anderson - Alexandria, VA
Andrew Binder - West Chester, PA
Ian Brill - San Diego, CA
Sgt Hector Flores, USMC - Chula Vista, CA
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Freshmen Swearing in Ceremony August 2018

Navy’s New NROTC Freshmen Indoctrination Program

by Midn 1/C Austin Carter

From July 23 - August 4, 11 new USC 4/C Midshipmen partook in the Navy’s new indoctrination program at Recruit Training Depot in Great Lakes, IL. This program was the first to “provide standardized entry-level militarization and prepare midshipmen with a common training orientation” within the NROTC officer development process. Previously, NROTC was the only commissioning source to not have a common, crucible-like event for Navy Officers. As the pilot for a nationwide implementation, the primary focus of the program was three-fold: to train new incoming midshipmen, to provide leadership opportunities for upperclassmen, and to test the feasibility of a standardized, mandatory entry level training.

For successful implementation, 20 senior midshipmen, including one from USC, volunteered to staff and participate in leading the program for the first time in NROTC history. Under the guidance from the active duty staff,

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the 1st and 2nd Class midshipmen were responsible for the carrying out the training program and ensuring a successful pilot program that met the mission, and intent, to escalate to over 1,000 midshipmen candidates in the future.

The roles were divided between the Midshipmen Instructors who instilled discipline and basic militarization and were the first, and last faces, the candidates saw throughout the day, much similar to how Plebes at the United States Naval Academy are instructed by Detectors. Each of the two platoons had their own midshipman command structure up to the Midshipmen First Sergeant and Battalion Commander that would provide guidance from the active duty staff; however, much of the daily interactions were under the direct supervision and leadership of the Midshipman Instructor Advisor (GySgt).

Over 13 days, the midshipmen were basically trained in firefighting, watch standing, seamanship, navigation, force protection, drill, and swimming, along with physical fitness training and military inspections conducted by NROTC staff. Military education, including customs and courtesies, military history, and fitness, were incorporated into the curriculum, leading to the culminating event that tested their firefighting, ship handling, close order drill, and academic knowledge. Each candidate was evaluated on their character and individual and team skills necessary to complete specific tasks in a stressful, timed environment such as jumping off a 10-foot platform to simulate an abandon ship, working together to set up life rafts, and passing proper orders and procedures while “underway” on the USS Marlinspike.

Upon the successful completion of the program, each candidate received the anchor insignia by RADM Bernacchi during their graduation ceremony and had earned the title of “Midshipman.”

What did the 4th Class MIDN think of the Program?

MIDN 4/C Binder: This was an intense program that challenged incoming Midshipmen as well as prepared them for their upcoming year in the Battalion. As this was INDOC’s first year, no one was quite sure what to expect. The bus ride from the airport to Naval Station Great Lakes was filled with quiet speculation as to what lay ahead in the coming weeks, but an aura of seriousness took over upon arrival. Gear was issued to Midshipmen Candidates at the NEX and haircuts were given to anyone out of uniform. Then, we were split into two Platoons of approximately 33 each. USC students were split among the two Platoons, but we did not know it at the time as there was little time for Midshipmen Candidates to get to know each other before the end of the second week. However, the high intensity of the training really didn’t take effect until the next day after the swearing-in ceremony when we were introduced to our Midshipmen Instructors as well as the active duty staff.

A typical day consisted of waking up at 0430 to straighten up gear and shave before lights at 0500 when Midshipmen Instructors would order us to “get on the line” in front of our racks and have us get dressed for PT. In a major departure from regular life, everything we did was under a strict countdown and everything said by a superior required us to sound off.

The PT was usually challenging and made more difficult by a lack of rest throughout the training. One thing Midshipmen Candidates looked forward to were the three meals we had every day. The consensus is that the chow hall food was actually pretty decent.

Days were usually punctuated by drill, classroom instruction, firefighting training, 9mm training, and PT. If anything we did was not to the standards of our Midshipmen Instructors or Gunnery Sergeants then we did it again. Everyone in 2nd Platoon remembers the day we spent hours on the line folding our towels over and over or the countless times we remade our racks. After lights out, two Midshipmen Candidates per Platoon were required to stand Fire Watch and keep a log of all activity in addition to reporting to all staff who entered the Squad Bay.

Throughout INDOC, there were many points, such as during an extremely difficult PT, that Midshipmen Candidates considered dropping on request (DOR). Although three eventually did (none from USC), the majority were motivated to keep going by speeches given by the staff or for intrinsic reasons. Conversely, learning how to fight fires and to shoot the 9mm were fun opportunities that we all really appreciated. Another favorite moment was at the end when Mission BBQ catered a meal for the soon-to-be Midshipmen. The opportunity to eat a meal free from the shouting and discipline of the chow hall was cer-
The culminating event, The Crucible, challenged Midshipmen Candidates to demonstrate all they had learned throughout INDOC and apply it in a test of how well we worked as a team. It was a long day that pushed everyone to their mental and physical limits, but also a rewarding experience, in retrospect.

MIDN 4/C Marinics: The Great Lakes Indoctrination pilot program was the most difficult thing I have ever experienced. Being completely immersed in such a high-stress military environment for two weeks, especially considering I had never been through anything like that, really made me timid about what I was getting into.

The first day we got there it was pretty relaxed and we mostly did paper-work. However, the second day, right after we took the midshipman oath of office, the midshipman instructors surrounded us and immediately started screaming at us and having us run around following orders. It then went on with this same high intensity for the rest of the time. Despite the difficulty, I understood the need for pushing us to our limits, physically and mentally. I motivated myself with the thought that if I was going to be in the military I needed to be able to handle at least this. Every time I started to pity myself I would just think about how much more others had been through before me -- people that have actually been through wars -- and how there was no reason for anyone to be sorry for me.

I also motivated myself to get through the training just by reminding myself how much I was getting out of it.

Each day we had physical training, military knowledge briefs, and some kind of military training. I considered the PT to be the most difficult part of the two weeks because it was always very high intensity and often times we had no idea when it would end. I specifically remember the worst PT being when we did a run in our NWUs -- because the steel-toed boots are not the most comfortable running shoe -- and we had no idea how long we would be running for; it only ended up being about three miles, but it felt as though we would be running forever.

The military training was definitely the most advantageous thing about the indoctrination program. We received firefighting training, pistol qualifications, experienced the confidence chamber, and learned how to get underway/dock on a naval ship. It was exhilarating to get a taste of the kinds of things we might actually be doing in the military and it was a huge motivation to get through the program and be a step closer to serving.

Although the Indoctrination Program was difficult, it was appropriately so. I will always remember how proud of myself I felt when we graduated from the program and Admiral Bernacchi shook my hand to congratulate me. I am so grateful to have had the experience and it was very rewarding.

MIDN 4/C Anderson: The Indoctrination program was one of the most challenging things I’ve ever done, but completing the program was an incredibly rewarding experience. When I arrived at Great Lakes I wasn’t expecting the experience to be nearly as intense as it was, so it definitely came as a shock when on the on the first day our phones were confiscated, and we were introduced to our Midshipmen Instructors who immediately began the indoctrination process.

Each day was packed full of PT, drill, presentations on military history as well as customs and courtesies, studying knowledge, various training exercises, and a lot of yelling. On the last day we had a crucible event, where we had to apply all the training we had learned throughout the two weeks, as well as pass a written exam.

While the program was very challenging, we received a lot of valuable training opportunities. One of my favorite parts was the live fire range where we completed the pistol qualification, and firefighting. For me, some of the harder parts were completing the Combat Fitness Assessment, and going through the Confidence Chamber.

Drill was something I looked forward to each day, because it gave us a break from the rapid activities of the day. We were also able to meet with Rear Adm. Bernacchi, and ask him questions about his career, his motivations for creating the Indoctrination program, and his plans for the future of the program. I also enjoyed being able to meet NROTC midshipmen from other universities.
Life has a way to give to us what we give to life. If you are reading this article you are likely a member of the USC Naval ROTC Alumni League, and you have answered the call to serve our great country as a warrior member of our superb Armed Forces, starting by being part of the USC Naval ROTC Program. On behalf of the Board of USCAVN, I congratulate you and thank you for your service.

Like me, if you are reading this, you are probably USC Alumni. This is one of the best universities in the world and you are or were part of the US Armed Forces as Active Duty, or Reserve. As Veterans, each of us is a single stitch that builds the heroic fabric woven by military service members from the birth of our nation until today. We carry a long tradition of courageous service and discipline to a cause higher than ourselves. We are US Military and USC Trojans!

Background of the USCAVN:
Our Alumni Group is under the USC Alumni Affinity Programs umbrella, and we are focused on strengthening the community of Trojan veterans through social, educational and service-oriented engagement opportunities. The Alumni Veterans Network is open to all USC alumni who are veterans. As such, you are most welcome to become involved in our USC Alumni Veteran Network (https://alumni.usc.edu/veterans/).

Our Activities:
USCAVN is developing to be a platform for USC Veteran Alumni to socialize and pursue business networking opportunities. This summer, we teamed up with the South Bay Alumni group and attended a concert in the park with recognition to Veterans. We started the year with the Joint Service Football game on September 1. Every veteran received a free ticket to the game. We provided a tailgate and had over 100 people participate. We handed out 200 tickets to the game.

Recently, on October 15, we supported a USC veterans signature event, the Veteran and Military Families Recruiting Night. The Veterans and Military Families Recruiting Night is a campus-wide partnership between the Office of the Provost, Career Center, Sol Price School of Public Policy, Sol Price Office of Career Services, Center for Innovative Research on Veterans and Military Families (CIR), Student Veterans Association, Marshall Master of Business for Veterans, Alumni Veterans Network, United States Veterans Initiative, and the Veterans Resource Center. The USC Career Center hosts the Veterans and Military Families Recruiting Night once a year. All types of organizations attend the Veterans and Military Families Recruiting Night, ranging from Fortune 100s to non-profits and government agencies. Nearly 90 employer representatives from 42 companies typically attend the Veterans and Military Families Recruiting Night. Open to all veteran students, alumni, veteran community members and their spouses/families from multiple universities, over 465 attendees registered and 151 had Security Clearance last year alone.

Our Future Activities:
We are planning a networking event in San Diego in the spring. We have another career day in March and we’ll finish 2018 with the annual Day of Service. We have Military Sisters and Brothers in all USC Schools and at all levels of the professional world. We have representation in Los Angeles, San Diego, Hawaii and Washington, DC.

What you can do to help!
Become involved through our website, and join the mailing USCAVN list and our mission to become the “HQ Alumni Organization for all Veterans.”

You can subscribe to our mailing list at https://uscten.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7e72f61b9740dc830fa8a19fc&id=9000f7ce7a

USCAVN members assist with the American Flag at the Joint Service Football Game on 1 September.

The 2018-2019 USCAVN Board Members. Fight ON!
This section of The Log is to share brief “happenings” or news items with our NROTC Alumni League members. It is organized by decades of your commissioning date for ease in finding info about your ’SC classmates. Submissions can be sent via e-mail to Frances Annarella at: log_editor@yahoo.com or on the return slip along with your annual dues. Please keep it brief and please PRINT clearly. Note: If you e-mail us, please include your commissioning year.

1940’s

Ralph Clemens, Jr ’46: Just passed “92” - still doing fine, limited only by poor vision. I often think of the nice guys in 2nd platoon, 2nd Company. I retired in 1996, was in Oil & Gas Equipment for 47 years and worked in 30 countries.

John Ferlin, Jr. ’46: Just a Hello to my remaining classmates. Happy 90’s!


Bruce Campbell ’49: Lucky me! I now have TWO great grandchildren!

1950’s

George Strella ’51: I am still on “cloud nine” from being honored at the USC Veteran Appreciation dinner in March 2018. The NROTC staff and students were terrific! I’ll forever be grateful for the honor given to us!

Edward “Buck” Buchanan ’54: Josephine (UCLA ’54) and I celebrated our 64th anniversary in June and are looking forward to many more. She was a significant asset in my Naval and civilian careers; command of two squadrons, an Air Wing, two ships (US Navy Mobile LKA 115 and USS New Orleans LPH-10) and ten years with DynCorp at the Southern California Offshore Range as Operations and Division Manager. Our Marine grandson is Commanding Officer of the Marine Recruiting Office in Sacramento, CA. Oorah! Our email address is buckajo@cox.net

William (Ted) Todd ’54: I enjoy The Log but don’t see many of my shipmates mentioned anymore. I joined the Unit as a Junior in 1950 and was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1954. After Basic School, I spend the remainder of my service at Camp Pendleton as a Training Company Exec. Officer and then as Regimental Scheduling Officer. We provided Advanced Infantry Training for Marines right after Boot Camp in San Diego or Camp Lejuene. I have practiced law in San Diego since 1961, and served as a Superior Court Judge and as Assoc. Justice of the 4th District Court of Appeal in San Diego until retirement in 1994. I continued as a private judge until 2007. Greetings to Jim Eddy!

Ray Williams ’55: I’m looking forward to my 86th year. Greetings to Pete McDermot from Class of 1954. Worked with the Marine Corps University at Quantico for a number of years, even if I was a Navy man. Living in the same house for 54 years in Beverly Hills with my wife, Donna. Life has given more than I expected. NROTC was a great experience.

Thomas Murray ’57: I retired in 1982 and now live in Oregon with Kay, my wife of 60 years. We enjoy traveling and have visited over 50 countries. Our winters are spent in Arizona.

1960’s

Jack Gobbell ’60: Steaming as before! Had the chance to go aboard the USS ZUMWALT (DDG-1000) in San Diego. An amazing high-tech ship - very different than the “Tin Cans” on which I served.

Paul Alwine ’62: Travel cutback early in year as my wife had major lower back surgery. Another big airshow at MCAS Miramar with our USC “Blue Angel” - LCDR Nate Scott. Underway this fall for trip to China in October and big cruise in Nov-Dec to West Africa - from Lisbon to Cape Town! Will complete all my underwayquals on this trip!

Walt Hindenlang ’66: I have been practicing Trust and Probate law over the past 15 years and was named this year as President of the South Bay Bar Association. I previously worked in the aerospace industry, including 20 years in management for the Satellite Group of Hughes Electronics Corporation. My wife and I live in Redondo Beach, CA.

R.C. Allen ’68: Gail and I are looking forward to the class of 1968 reunion activities in November at USC where we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our graduation and commissioning in June 1968. Hard to believe that it’s been 50 years. I worked as a volunteer with the USC Alumni Reunion folks to get the word out about this year’s Homecoming activities.

Val Daigle ’69: Retired from active duty in 1989 -Retired from Tax & Accounting career in 2017 and sold my business. Now living in Meridian, ID but still have our San Diego home. Guess, we are now “snowbirds!”

Garth Duncan ’71: After completing Nuclear Power School, I was assigned to the USS PUFFER (SSN-652) in Pearl Harbor. Amazingly, of the 11 officers in the wardroom, five became Admirals, including the CO, Dan Cooper who became a Vice Admiral and later Undersecretary of Veteran’s Affairs and Ed Giambastiani, who became Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. After active duty, I joined Bechtel Group in San Francisco, designing nuclear power plants. I ended up in senior management, lastly working on a radioactive waste treatment plant, a $17 billion project to treat waste generated from plutonium production at DOE’s Hanford site in southeastern Washington State. After retiring two years ago, my wife Barbara and I have done a lot of traveling, including several trips to Europe. We live in Richland, WA.

Bernard Ruhnke ’73: Enjoying life in Prescott, AZ. Volunteering at the Sharlot Hall Museum and head of the Prescott Corral of the Westerners, a history organization that places importance on the happy hour that precedes each meeting. Wife, Diane, keeps trying to talk me into a cruise. I tell her “No thanks”, done that! Classmate Larry Leonard ’73, also lives up here in the mountains and we get together.

Richard Lievens ’74: Graduated Navy Supply School in Dec ’74, then reported to the USS ROWAN (DD-782) as Supply Department Head. ROWAN was part of the USS MIDWAY (CV-41) Carrier Task Force and supported MIDWAY in Operation Frequent Wind in April ’75 for the evacuation of over 1,300 U.S. citizens and 5,600 Vietnamese refugees from Saigon in a 24 hour period. This was followed closely by the rescue of U.S. merchant ship, SS Mayaguez when it was hijacked by Cambodian terrorists. When the ROWAN was decommissioned in 1975, I was assigned as Head Supply Officer aboard USS O’CALLAHAN (FF-1051) in San Diego. I transferred to NAS Pt. Mugu in 1977 as the Material Control Officer for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 4 (VX-4). I left active

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Farewell and bon voyage to our departed shipmates.

A donation has been made to the USC NROTC Alumni League Scholarship Endowment in the name of each officer listed below.

Knight Travis ’47  Jan 2018
Gary Ted Silman ’57 Oct 2017
Nelson “Hank” Pfister ’61 25 Oct 2018

Note: All names are published and donations are made to the Alumni League Scholarship Fund in their honor when their passing is brought to our attention.
Sea Trials is the second-class cruise structured to improve a midshipman’s Professional Core Competencies and to ensure that all commissioned officers have the same baseline for their skills and knowledge. There were two sessions of Sea Trials: one in Newport, Rhode Island and another in Jacksonville, Florida. This year was the pilot year for Sea Trials, so only 170 midshipmen participated between the two sessions.

I would like to share my time attending Sea Trials South.

Once off the plane, Ensign supervisors rounded up midshipmen onto a bus and drove them to their living spaces for the next ten days. Next, all the paperwork were taken care of and the midshipmen were fed and sent to bed.

The following morning we had until 1100 to turn in all electronic devices. Then, we mustered outside of our rooms and were introduced to our Drill Instructors. I had the privilege of learning discipline, intensity, and bearing from Master Sargent Moreno.

The next couple of days were somewhat of a blur. I couldn’t tell you the exact timeline of what we did, but I can tell you about the kinds of training we conducted while in Jacksonville.

We had hands on training including, Damage Control (fire and flooding), 9mm qualification, leadership exercises, and ship handling simulations. We also had training in the classroom, which included: SERE, Rules of the Road, First Aid, and weapons safety. We also kept up with our physical fitness with PT in the mornings and walking around in the Florida summer heat and humidity in our brand new Type III’s.

We were up early and in bed early with little to no breaks during the 10 days we were there. It was a grind, but I never thought that it was too tough for any of the USC midshipmen. The mindfulness training was one of the most valuable at Sea Trials, because it helps to stay calm in stressful situations, which allows you to make the right decisions in the heat of the moment.

The culminating event of Sea Trials is called Battle Stations. I can’t talk too much about the event since it is supposed to be a surprise for the midshipman coming through. What I can say, however, is that Battle Stations takes all of the training during the previous 9 days and tests you mentally and physically on the last day.

As Sea Trials is still in its beginning stages, there were improvements from the north session to the south session. The biggest difference was the Sea Trials Cup. It was a series of events in which Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie companies competed against each other to earn points towards winning the cup. These events included: pistol qualification scores, drill competition, athletics, and written exams. One thing that midshipmen in the future should keep in mind is that this was the first Sea Trials; it will evolve over time to better-fit ADM Bernacchi’s vision.

It’s not clear if all 2/C midshipmen will be required to participate in Sea Trials this coming summer, but I do know that it will be moving to a pass/ fail OCS type evaluation. So having a brief of the contents and goals of Sea Trials would be beneficial to our rising 2/C.

Overall, I think Sea Trials was great summer cruise that I would do again, because it provides you with great hands-on experience and simulates stressful training environments so that you will be better prepared for real events.
Midshipman Cogdill practices his shiphandling in the “Cove” a virtual reality ship simulator.

Midshipman Pedreira trying to stop a leak in the wet trainer

Midshipmen circle up in the pool to stay afloat and warm in an abandon ship drill

Midshipmen hose team fights a class alpha fire in the DC Trainer

Midshipman Gilbert getting pulled to safety in a combat conditioning PT

Midshipmen circle up in the pool to stay afloat and warm in an abandon ship drill

Midshipman Cogdill practices his shiphandling in the “Cove” a virtual reality ship simulator.
The W.A.R. Council has been working hard trying to locate all of our NROTC sisters. Over the past month, we have sent out both emails and snail mails to all known alums. If you are reading this and have not heard from us, please email us. Also, check with your fellow classmates and let them know about the reunion and ask them to contact us. We will be sending official invitations by mid-January, but in the meantime, if you are a “yes” or even a “definite maybe”, please let us know - it would help us with our planning.

Here’s our tentative itinerary (working on the details and will finalize once we have a solid headcount)

**Friday, March 29th:**

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception with light refreshments in the P.E. Building Atrium

*Family and Guests Welcome*

An opportunity to meet your fellow alums, some of the midshipmen (women and men), NROTC Staff, and Alumni League Officers. Get an update on what the Battalion and the Alumni League is doing, walk around the wardroom and other unit spaces and share your memories with your families and new friends.

9:00 - 11:00 p.m. W.A.R. Stories

*Women Alumnae Only*

*Optional Event:* After going out to dinner with family and friends, join us for a casual get together for a drink or two and share some of your experiences and memories from the unit or your time in the service.

**Saturday, March 30th:**

9:00 a.m. - noon Women Alumnae Brunch

*Women Alumnae and Women Midshipmen Only*

We are hoping to have a couple of guest speakers and maybe a panel discussion. We hope that the current women midshipmen will be able to attend and join in the discussions.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. USC Campus Tour

*Family and Guests Welcome*

If you haven’t been back to campus lately, you might get lost. There are lots of new buildings and some old landmarks might be gone. Tours will be given by very knowledgeable guides and will cover USC history and traditions and will conclude at the book store.

**Contact us to update your contact info and to provide your early RSVP:**

*log_editor@yahoo.com OR usc.nrotc_women@yahoo.com*
Have you heard of VET TIX?

Several of our Alumni League members have mentioned the benefits of being a “VetTixer” and how they have been able to get free tickets to different events (even USC Football), so we thought we would share that information with you.

From the Vet Tix website:
“Veteran Tickets Foundation’s Tickets for Troops Program is dedicated to giving back to those who gave us so much. We team up with major sports teams, leagues, promoters, organizations, venues and every day event ticket holders to provide free and discounted tickets to currently serving and veterans of all branches of the US military. . .Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA.

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online. We verify their service. VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets.” For more information and to sign up, please go to: www.vettix.org

1980’s

Derek Robins ’82: Attended the 35th Class Reunion Football Weekend and caught up with Jim Hull ’82 at the game and dinner. See Pat Moynihan ’82 up in Dallas regularly and met up at the UT-USC game in Austin. Serving as Treasurer for the Houston Chapter of the USC Alumni Association. Fight On!

1990’s, 2000’s and 2010’s

Nothing to Report

Attention Class of 1979

Next year is your 40th anniversary! A couple of your classmates want to plan a reunion or an informal get together, sometime in the fall. Be on the look out for an email from Bob Bennett. Do you have any questions or want to help? Contact Bob: robert.m.bennett@outlook.com or 703.922.6361.
The Photo Gallery

Bob Bennett ’79 working at the Brunswick County, N.C. Emergency Operation Center as one of two Red Cross Government Liaison during Hurricane Florence. Bob has been a Red Cross Volunteer for the past two years.

W.A.R. council members Alex Wright ’81, Frances Annarella ’81, Tracy Ayotte ’82 and Ann Mathews ’77 in Big Bear, CA, holding a “W.A.R. Summit” to plan the upcoming reunion.

CAPT Rich Suttie ’79 represented the Alumni League at ENS Eric Matheny’s summer commissioning ceremony.

Pat Moynihan ’82 (left) and Derek Robinson ’82 at the USC-UT game in Austin. Both wearing their game day uniforms - Pat in the traditional tucked in style, and Derek with the contemporary untucked look.

Derek Robin’s ’82 (left) and his wife, Lynn with Jim Hull ’82 at the 35th reunion weekender in Nov 2017.
In late September, MCAS Miramar in San Diego, hosted its annual airshow, featuring the Navy “Blue Angels” flight demonstration squadron. A group of NROTC midshipmen from the USC Trojan battalion attended the show and met with our USC alum – LCDR Nate Scott, Class of 2007 – pilot of Blue Angel #4, along with the other pilots of the team.

Four USC NROTC alumni were part of a group of retired Navy Supply Corps Captains that toured the USS ZUMWALT (DDG-1000) in San Diego. They are (L to R): Randy “RC” Allen – ’68; Gordon Hill – ’72; Don Kammerer – ’75; and Paul Alwine – ’62.) The ZUMWALT is the first of a new class of Navy surface combatants that is built around radically new stealth design and technology. The 610 foot long ship has the radar cross-section of a small fishing boat!

Members of the NROTC class of ’68 and their wives celebrated their 50th Anniversary at Homecoming in November: From left to right: Jay Bingham, RC Allen, Clay Geilfuss, Jerry Vieau and Dyrck Dusen..
USC NROTC Alumni League

ASSOCIATE Membership

The USC Naval ROTC Alumni League is an all-volunteer organization of the university whose mission is to provide the Midshipmen of the Trojan Battalion with things such as supplemental scholarships, achievement recognition, an alumni-funded computer lab, and Drill Team funding assistance. We provide mentoring and an “alumni connection” for current Midshipmen when and where possible. Associate membership is available to families and those interested in the USC NROTC unit, to provide additional much needed financial contributions. All Associate members receive the semi-annual newsletter - “The LOG” as well as invitations to Alumni League Events.

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   In Support of Midshipman: ____________________________________________
   Anticipated Commissioning Year: ______

☐ Associate Membership:
   Affiliation (e.g., Staff, former Midshipman) ______________________________

Here is my contribution for the USC NROTC Alumni League and Trojan Midshipmen Battalion:

$ 25.00  Associate Member Dues Donation for 2018

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USC Naval ROTC Alumni League
“Link to the Past, Bridge to the Future”

Who We Are

* A recognized USC Alumni group, under the sponsorship and support of USC Price School of Public Policy

* Founded in 1982 as a social group for reunions of classmates of the 1940s, and to help the Midshipmen at USC.

* The mission of the league was expanded in the late 1990s to include members of all decades and to provide support to the USC NROTC Battalion.

* Organization includes a Board of Directors and elected officers, operating under approved by-laws.

* All NROTC graduates are automatically members of the Alumni League, currently includes 2000+ NROTC graduates dating back to the 1940’s.

* Annual voluntary tax deductible dues are contributed through the University.

What We Do

* Support the USC Midshipmen with monetary scholarship awards.

*Fund the acquisition of computer equipment in the NROTC Alumni Computer Lab.

* Provide Navy & Marine Corps swords as annual awards to outstanding midshipmen.

* Provide supplemental funding for the Drill Team to attend annual competitions.

* Attend Battalion events such as Swearing In, Commissioning Ceremonies and the Navy & Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

* Publish a semi-annual alumni newsletter, “The Log.”

* Provide informal assistance for officers returning to civilian life.

* Organize/assist with field trips to military installations, alumni luncheons and class reunions.

* Build Naval service and alumni traditions among all USC NROTC Midshipmen.