Dear USC NROTC Alum…

This year we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Naval ROTC program at the University of Southern California. Since 1940, the USC NROTC program has commissioned thousands of Navy & Marine Corps officers that have served our country in the fleet and around the world. On April 3-4, 2020 we take time to gather in Los Angeles for our 80th Anniversary Reunion. With classmates, friends and family we will celebrate this occasion, remember our time as Midshipmen in the Trojan battalion, and have some FUN!

The reunion begins with a Welcome Reception on Friday, April 3rd. Events on Saturday, April 4th include a morning walking tour of the USC campus and an optional visit to the California Science Center to see the Space Shuttle “Endeavour” exhibit with one of our USC Astronaut alums. The reunion highlight will be the joint Midshipmen Spring Ball and 80th Reunion Banquet on Saturday evening. We will celebrate the occasion in style, saluting each of the Decades and honoring our Distinguished NROTC Alumni. We will also be honoring the Class of 2020 who will be commissioned on May 16th and take their place in the fleet. The rest of the Trojan battalion will also be in attendance so you can meet the current Midshipmen, the future leaders of the Navy and Marine Corps. Our guest speaker will be RADM Ron MacLaren, SC, USN (Ret), USC Class of 1979.

*** Hotel Information ***

Our reunion headquarters will be the USC Hotel (formerly the Radisson Hotel), located at 3540 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007 (right across the street from campus on Figueroa, near Exposition Boulevard). The special group room rate that we negotiated is $149.00 plus tax per night, based on single or double occupancy. Parking is $20 per night.

You may make reservations either online at http://www.hotelreservations@usc.edu/ or through the USC Hotel central reservations by calling 833.226.6587 or 213.748.4141. Please make your hotel reservations NOW! Mention that you are with the “NAVAL ROTC 80th Anniversary” to assure you are associated with our group. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 3:00 pm. Make your reservations early; you can cancel up to 48 hours prior to arrival without penalty. The last day to make reservations under the group discounted rate is Tuesday, March 13, 2020. Don’t delay!

For those of us who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available 2 days before and 2 days after the official reunion dates, based on availability. If you want to stay a day or two earlier or after, please make reservations through the hotel directly at 213.748.4141.

*** Welcome Reception ***

Friday, April 3rd (4:00 pm–7:00 pm at the USC PE Building – Wardroom & Atrium)

Join us for a casual Welcome Reception in the NROTC spaces of the PE building. Don’t miss this first opportunity to catch up with classmates and acquaintances. Remember your time as a midshipman as you visit the Wardroom, the CO’s office and even the Computer Lab on the 3rd deck! Wine, beer and soft drinks will be served, along with many “light bites.” There is a $25 charge per person to attend the reception, and please indicate on your registration form if you plan to attend. On-campus parking will cost $14 if driving to campus. It’s an easy walk across campus from the USC Hotel, if you are staying there. Following the reception, dinner is on your own, there are several restaurants within walking distance. Attire is California Casual (Slacks and collared shirt, sport coat optional).
*** Campus Walking Tour ***

Saturday, April 4th (9 am – 10:30 am)
Check out the many new (and old) buildings on the USC campus with this morning walking tour. We will leave from the lobby of the USC Hotel at 9 am, with several midshipmen acting as tour guides. If you haven’t been on campus for a while, there are lots of new sights to see, including the new USC Village! Wear comfortable walking shoes.

*** California Science Center/Space Shuttle Tour ***

Saturday, April 4th (11am – 3:00pm)
Tour the California Science Center in nearby Exposition Park. We will walk as a group from the USC Hotel to the Science Center and have lunch (on your own) in their cafeteria. Group tickets cost is $3 per person. The highlight will be a tour of the Space Shuttle “Endeavour” exhibit and a talk by one of our own USC NROTC grads – LtCol Carlos Noriega, USMC (Ret), Class of 1981. Carlos flew on 2 Shuttle missions, logging 461 hours in space, and 19 hours EVA on 3 space walks. He will share his experiences as an astronaut with us. Wear comfortable shoes for walking!

*** 80th Anniversary Banquet ***

Saturday, April 4th (5:00pm-10:00pm)
Join your friends, classmates and current Midshipmen for the joint Midshipmen Spring Ball & 80th Anniversary Banquet at the USC Hotel Grand Ballroom. Campus & USC Hotel parking will be available for $14. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 5:00 pm; the program and dinner will start at 6:00 pm. As this is a military function, uniforms are encouraged and the dress for the banquet is as follows:

• Navy: Active/Reserve/Retired - Dinner Dress White Jacket, Dinner Dress White or Dinner Dress Blue.
• Marine Corps: Active/Reserve/Retired - Dress Blue Alpha for Company Grade and Mess Dress for field grade.
• Civilians/Retirees (men): Tuxedo or Dark Suit & Tie (with miniature medals on both if desired)
• Civilians/Retirees (ladies): Cocktail attire (with miniature medals if desired)

*** Reunion Registration ***

Complete the enclosed form and mail it along with a check to Bob Brockmeier at the address listed no later than March 20th. Space is limited for the banquet, so book early!

If you have questions, either email me (alwine@cox.net) or call me at (949) 636-0603. I look forward to seeing you and other Trojan NROTC alums at the 80th Anniversary Reunion!” Travel safely…

Fight On,

Paul

Paul Alwine
CAPT, SC, USN (Ret)
President, USC NROTC Alumni League
**USC NROTC ~ 80th Anniversary Reunion**

*** REGISTRATION FORM ***

Please complete the information and return it, along with your check made out to the “USC NROTC Alumni League” to Bob Brockmeier, VP Special Events, at the below address.

Name: ____________________________ USC Class: ____________________________

Spouse/Guest: ____________________________ USC Class: ____________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

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Sat, 4/4 | Campus Walking Tour- USC Hotel Lobby (9 – 10:30am) | $0 | _______ |

Sat, 4/4 | Science Center/Shuttle Walking Tour – USC Hotel Lobby (11am – 3pm) | * Group Tickets | $3/person _______ | _______ |

Sat 4/4 | 80th Anniversary Banquet – USC Hotel Reception (5-6pm), Dinner (6-10pm) | $85/person | _______ | _______ |

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Send to: Bob Brockmeier
9352 Brewer Way
Villa Park, CA 92861

Questions? Contact Paul Alwine, (949) 636-0603 or alwine@cox.net