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# Dean Regina Nordahl Retired Spring 2020

by Paul Alwine '62

**“NOW HEAR THIS, NOW HEAR THIS...Associate Dean, USC Price School, departing...ding ding, ding ding!”**

In the Navy tradition we are piping ashore **Regina Foley Nordahl**, as she retires after a fantastic career at USC, spanning close to 30 years! For the past 22 years she has managed the Financial and Administrative operations of the Sol Price School of Public Policy. But she also has been the liaison for all the ROTC programs at USC. (She would never publicly say so, but we know that she thinks that Naval ROTC is the BEST)! She was also the immediate past President of the Association of NROTC Colleges and Universities.



Regina earned a bachelor's degree from Cal State University Los Angeles, a JD degree from Western State University College of Law, and an MBA from Pepperdine University. She has been personally involved with the last **25 classes of NROTC graduates**, attending many events, balls, commissionings, and other functions of the Trojan Battalion, on an ongoing basis during the academic year. She has also hired many Midshipmen over the years to work at the Price School on a part-time basis.

Regina is a strong advocate and supporter of our NROTC Alumni League and has served on our Board of Directors for many years. Some years back, she was commissioned as an honorary **“Admiral of the League”** for her contributions and support. And as part of her Navy “indoctrination”, Regina completed distinguished visitor (DV) underway cruises on the aircraft carriers USS ABRAHAM

## Calendar of Events

TBD AUG 2020  
Swearing In Class of 2024  
USC Campus  
Contact NROTC Unit  
for date and time

17 SEP 2020  
Board of Directors Meeting  
USC Campus

SPRING 2021  
80 Plus Anniversary Celebration  
USC Campus

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# FROM THE BRIDGE

**Paul R. Alwine (Class of 1962)**

**CAPT, SC, USN (Ret)**

**President – USC NROTC Alumni League**

December 2019 – the end of another busy year! And we all looked forward to the new year of **2020** – the first year of a new decade, and maybe the start of the “roaring 20s!” The calendar going forward was filling up with lots of activities, including a great weekend in April celebrating the **80th Anniversary of the USC NROTC program!**

And then our world turned upside down as we all began to experience things that had never before happened in our lifetimes. The **COVID-19 virus** affected almost every aspect of our daily lives, and especially at USC, where the campus was closed, and students all had to take their classes online. Most students moved home and our Alumni League 80th Anniversary celebration was cancelled. The annual NROTC Spring Ball was also cancelled, but there was an online Battalion awards ceremony, in which I was able to virtually present officer swords to the Drill Team Commander and an outstanding Senior graduate, and we presented a scholarship award in the memory of our USC Medal of Honor recipient CAPT William McGonagle, USN. And for the first time our Spring Board of Directors meeting was held online...not quite the same! Since our 80th Anniversary weekend was cancelled, it is now being proposed for a spring 2021 timeframe, depending on how our world is at that point in the “new abnormal!” More on that as things develop. We are considering calling it the **80th Plus Anniversary...**

Suddenly we had to live in a totally different way – stores, restaurants and theatres closed; stay at home; shelter in place; wear a mask; wash your hands; hunker down; social <- 6' -> distancing; no shaking hands; blah, blah, blah! Because of all this, the seniors of the **USC Class of 2020** had a **virtual Commencement** and the NROTC Midshipmen had a **virtual Commissioning** on 16 May, via a Zoom session. There were well over 150+ people that attended the virtual commissioning, and I was pleased to be able to congratulate all the new officers and offer them a virtual handshake! The new USC President Carol Folt joined the session and expressed her appreciation and congratulations to all the new officers.



At the end of the Spring semester we were sad for the retirement of **Regina Foley Nordahl**, after 20+ years at USC. As a key member of the Price School of Public Policy, she was responsible for all the ROTC programs at USC, and was a member of our Alumni League Board of Directors. She won't say it out loud, but she knows that **Navy ROTC is the BEST!** Regina will be missed, and we hope to send her off in style with a luncheon party later in the year...!!!

Also, as we do each semester, we awarded **five \$1,000 scholarships** to deserving Midshipmen of the Trojan Battalion. This was also done virtually on a Battalion Zoom session. These awards are greatly appreciated by the Midshipmen – and this is all because of **YOU and your generosity!** So, keep those checks and online donations coming!

Your Alumni League continues to grow and prosper, **thanks to your generous contributions** which allow us to support the Trojan Battalion with scholarships, Drill Team travel assistance, computer lab, and Midshipmen awards. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

Fall 2020 will bring aboard a new group of young Midshipmen – the **NROTC Class of 2024** – and Col McBride says that this may be the largest class that we have seen in many years!

***Fight On!***

***Paul***



## COMMANDING OFFICER'S UPDATE

**Col Sean McBride, USMC**

**Commanding Officer & Professor of Naval Science  
University of Southern California**

I am writing this article from my “new” office, which is a spare bedroom in our home that doubles as my home office. Like the rest of our staff and many of you, I have been working remotely since the campus shut down quite unexpectedly in mid-March. There is no good time for a pandemic, but COVID hit us at a particularly bad time as we were midway through our spring semester, when some of us were preparing to appropriately celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, which, along with all USC spring athletics, was cancelled. When sports and St. Paddy’s Day are cancelled, you know it is real.

I could not be prouder of how our students and staff have adapted to the new normal. Two and a half months ago we all thought that “zoom” meant to move very fast. Now we are, well, maybe not experts, but at least proficient Zoom operators. I was very impressed with the way Paul Alwine ran the Alumni League spring meeting via Zoom. If the Navy awarded Zoom pins (and they may soon) all of our board members would rate one.

Our students departed campus for spring break, expecting to return and finish out the school year and just never came back, leaving books, uniforms, and other necessities in their apartments and dorm rooms. After a bit of scrambling and much teamwork, everyone got squared away, figured out how to log into Zoom, and continued classes without missing a beat. We are still conducting our weekly Naval Science Labs on Thursday mornings, with students and staff dialing in from Italy, Hawaii, and 18 other states in between.

I grew up in the Marine Corps believing that “virtual presence” is synonymous with “absence” so initially, I was not happy with this arrangement. But after seeing that we can effectively teach and engage in meaningful discussions remotely, it occurred to me that one benefit of online learning is that we can bring in guest speakers from anywhere in the world, with no concern about travel, lodging, security, or protocol. I realized that no one, well, no one east of California due to the time difference, was off-the-table. Taking advantage of this opportunity, we invited General James Mattis to join us and he spent almost three hours speaking and answering questions. A few weeks later we hosted Admiral James Foggo, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Europe & Africa, and his Command Master Chief Wally Walter. ADM Foggo provided a very enlightening operations brief, then took questions from the students. He was followed by CMC Walter who spoke about resiliency and mental toughness, reflecting on his career as a SEAL. I think that we are going to have many of our ensigns requesting to be assigned to 6th Fleet now.

In early June, Lieutenant General (Ret) Larry Nicholson, former commander of III Marine Expeditionary Force will speak to the Battalion. He is now a vice president at H. T. Hackney, which is a wholesale distributing company in Nashville, and is managing supply chain logistics for grocery stores and pharmacies country-wide. He will lead a great discussion with topics ranging from leadership and warfighting to managing logistics during an epidemic. Next up will be Sergeant Major Rich Thresher, the Senior

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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> to update your profile, e-mail or mailing address. Whenever you move, get promoted or 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...

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**DON'T FORGET!! 2020 Membership Dues are due NOW!**

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

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**Board of Directors 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, Sept 17 2020 at 10:00 a.m. on the USC Campus or via Zoom.

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**NROTC Alumni Scholarship Endowment**

Our NROTC Alumni League Scholarship Endowment at USC is over **\$273,000**. The Midshipmen of the Trojan Battalion truly appreciate your support with their school expenses. Any questions regarding the Scholarship Endowment and our scholarship program, contact Jerry Vieau at: [jerryvieau@yahoo.com](mailto:jerryvieau@yahoo.com)

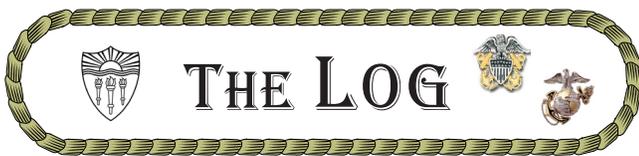
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**From the Ship's Store**

**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](mailto:log_editor@yahoo.com)

*All proceeds go towards the support of the Trojan Battalion*

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## COVID-19 Delays the 80th Anniversary Celebration

April 2020 was to be the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the USC NROTC program. A terrific weekend event was moving forward in the planning, in conjunction with the annual Midshipmen "Spring Ball." Then our world changed as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the world, shutting down the USC campus, and all university in-person activities.

It was initially thought that we would just postpone the event until November and have our 80th celebration in conjunction with the annual Battalion "Birthday Ball." As months went by, with shutdowns and stay-at-home measures in place, the Planning committee decided that things might not really be back to "normal" by November. So, it was voted to postpone the 80th Anniversary weekend until April 2021. Hopefully, the Alumni League can work with the Trojan Battalion to plan another outstanding weekend celebration. Instead of calling it the 81st Anniversary, it will be the "80th Plus" Anniversary...

If you have registered for the spring 2020 celebration and have not yet contacted Bob Brockmeier, please do so and let him know if you would like a refund or have us hold your payment for next year's event. Email Bob at [bnbbrock@gmail.com](mailto:bnbbrock@gmail.com)

Later this year we will provide more info in the Fall/Winter issue of "The LOG." Updates will also be posted on our website - [uscnotc.org](http://uscnotc.org). Stay tuned...

### *Class of 1981 - 40th (!?! ) Reunion*

It seems like just yesterday. . . June 4, 1981, on a bright sunny Southern California day, we stood proudly in our dress whites, raised our right hand and took the Oath of Office. It's time we got together to reflect on what we've been up to for the past "few" years!

Here's a couple of options for our reunion - email me and let me know your preferences:

1. Add an extra day to the Spring 2021 "80 Plus" Celebration for our own reunion.
2. Schedule a separate reunion in the Fall 2021 and combine it with a football game.

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## CO's Update

Enlisted Advisor for U.S. Africa Command with a panel of enlisted Marines and Sailors. We will continue to bring in heavy hitters throughout the summer.

With all summer training and cruises cancelled except for Special Operations Assessment & Selection, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, and Marine Officer Candidate School, our staff, in coordination with the staff from the "other school" developed an innovative summer training program to fill the void. In addition to our guest speakers, the program also includes professional reading, warfare community/occupational field fireside chats, aviation immersion training, nuclear reactor interview preparatory training, a cyber apprenticeship, warfighting discussions, military gaming, physical fitness, and community service. Additionally, CDR Rob Hill developed a 'New Ensign Training' curriculum that he and the staff will be teaching to our new officers. Although nothing beats spending the summer aboard a ship or with a squadron or Battalion, I am confident that our program will be reasonably fun while further developing the students' military aptitude, physical fitness, mental toughness, and moral decision-making while at the same time enhancing unit camaraderie and esprit de corps.

On May 16th we held our first and hopefully last virtual commissioning ceremony, which in true Trojan Battalion fashion set the standard for that sort of event. President Folt joined us, offering some inspirational words of thanks and congratulations to our seven new ensigns and one new 2nd Lieutenant. Over 150 were logged in, so I estimate that the event was viewed by at least 500 family and friends of the Battalion, far more than could have attended in person - another benefit of these virtual events.

Due to the hard work of our staff and alumni, our aggressive recruiting effort led by LT John Frnka paid off - we have over 30 new Midshipmen and Marines joining the Battalion in the fall, which will bring our total number up to close to 100. With New Student Indoctrination cancelled, we will expand our New Student Orientation to include a week of training on Camp Pendleton and possibly the Naval Amphib Base at Coronado. During this week we will indoctrinate these young civilians into the naval service, branding that anchor or eagle, globe, and anchor onto their hearts, while also inspiring them to fight on!

That is the plan...however, there is much uncertainty about the fall semester. I am cautiously optimistic that we will return to campus with appropriate safeguards in place. The USC leadership has several working groups, which we are contributing to, that are developing the plan to safely reopen the campus. We will hope for the best, but we will be ready for whatever challenges are thrown at us.

When the campus does reopen, our hatch in the PED will always be open to our NROTC alumni. If you find yourself in our area, please stop in for a cup of coffee and to share some war stories; they need not be true to be appreciated. We are happy to let you check out the wardroom and see our new Ben Duma Fight On Forever Scholarship plaque which will be prominently displayed.

As always, I thank our Alumni League for their active support of the Trojan Battalion. From supporting our participation in the Colorado Drill Meet to offsetting the high cost of USC through your generous scholarship program, to maintaining our strong legacy of leadership through your attendance at our ceremonies and other events, the Trojan Battalion remains in your debt. I look forward to seeing you around campus!

Until then, Semper Fortis, Semper Fidelis, and Fight On!

*Semper Fidelis,*

*Sean McBride*



## *2020 Virtual Summer Training Program*

*by LT Nick Smith, Assistant Professor/Aviation Officer*

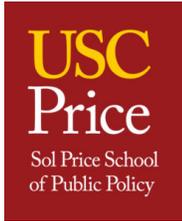
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year many of the regularly scheduled NROTC summer training and internship opportunities are extremely limited. With the cancellation of many of these training events, the Los Angeles Consortium staff recognize that our students would benefit from an alternate means of continuing their moral, mental, and physical development this summer. We believe that exposure to the operating forces is a critical element of the NROTC professional development curriculum. Therefore, during summer break the NROTC Unit Los Angeles Consortium Staff will facilitate various virtual training opportunities for our students in order to enable the continuation of their personal and professional development.

Virtual summer training events will be conducted remotely via Zoom and will be facilitated by both staff and students. The opportunities are voluntary to the Midshipmen and will include, but are not limited to, the following options:

- (a) Professional Reading Program: Students select books from the Commanding Officer's Reading List and will meet periodically for professional discussions with the staff.
- (b) Speaker Series: We will continue to provide guest speaker sessions that will take place via teleconference software. Guest speaker events aim to expose participating students to the lessons and insights of experienced Naval Officers and other leaders. Guest speakers this year have included Gen. James Mattis (USMC Ret.), Adm. James G. Foggo III, and LtGen Lawrence Nicholas (USMC Ret.)
- (c) Warfare Community Fireside Chats: Active duty staff and students will facilitate discussions featuring their warfare community. These informal chats offer an opportunity for interested students to learn more about potential naval career paths in order to make a better-informed decision for service assignment.
- (d) Aviation Immersion: This training will include an online aviation ground school taught by LT Nick Smith. It will cover all aspects of general aviation, military aviation, and ASTB, API, and IFS preparation. Training will also include guest speakers in Naval and Marine Aviation to expand knowledge on various airframes across both branches. If you would like to share your aviation sea stories with the Midshipmen during one of these training sessions, you can contact LT Smith at [nicholas.smith@rotc.usc.edu](mailto:nicholas.smith@rotc.usc.edu).
- (e) Nuclear Reactor Interview Prep Course: This thirteen-week training program will be led by LT Frnka and LT Dellva. The program is 13 weeks long and prepares prospective nuclear power students for interview. Readings and study problems will be assigned weekly, along with office hours for tutoring.
- (f) Warfighting Society: This opportunity will be a monthly forum for the frank and open exchange of ideas pertaining to the art and science of war. It will be led by GySgt Walls and MSgt Euler. These discussions encourage and develop decision-making, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving skills among its members.
- (g) Military Gaming: The University of Southern California Institute for Creative Technologies (ICT) has offered the opportunity for the Trojan Battalion to participate in simulation and decision game prototypes, some of which are currently in use across the DoD. Topics include counseling, disaster response, counter terrorism, policy analysis, and asymmetric warfare.

These training opportunities were created by the staff in hope that Battalion members return to campus ready to continue in-person training and education with a greater understanding of the various Navy and Marine Corps warfighting communities. The staff looks forward to helping the Midshipmen enhance their grasp of warfighting concepts, improve their mental and physical toughness, and maintain Unit camaraderie and esprit de corps. COVID-19 may keep us physically separated, for the time being, but it will not stop our ability to FIGHT ON!

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## *Associate Dean Regina Nordahl Retired*

LINCOLN (CVN 72) - twice, and USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76). She flew out to the ships on a “COD” (Carrier Onboard Delivery) aircraft, and trapped aboard, snagging the arresting wires on the deck. While aboard she toured major departments to learn about the functioning of the carrier and its embarked air wing, including closely observing flight operations. She then made catapult takeoffs in the COD to fly back to San Diego. As she said, these visits to see Naval Air in action were, “amazing!”

Taking over as ROTC liaison will be **Frank Zerunyan**. Frank is a Professor of the Practice of Governance at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, Director of Executive Education at USC Price Bedrosian Center on Governance and the USC Neely Center for Ethical Leadership and Decision Making. He lectures locally and globally to build capacity and foster leadership among public executives worldwide. For his influential advisory role in the Republic of Armenia, he was awarded LL.D. Doctor of Laws – Honoris Causa by the Public Administration Academy of the **Republic of Armenia**. Frank designs curricula and teaches at the **Vazgen Sargsyan Military University** in Armenia, with an honorary rank of **Colonel**. He also teaches new Officer Instructors at the U.S. Naval Service Training Command, NAS Pensacola, Florida. Frank is a three-term Mayor and Council member in the City of Rolling Hills Estates, California, and was also a gubernatorial appointee under Governor Schwarzenegger, serving on the Medical Board of California. Welcome aboard, Frank!

Regina and her husband Tore love to travel the world and often visit Tore’s homeland in Norway. We are thrilled that Regina has committed to continue her advisory role on our Alumni League Board going forward. In October 2020 she will be initiated into the “**Skull and Dagger**,” one of USC’s top honorary societies.

We all wish Regina and Tore “*Fair Winds and Following Seas*” in the years to come...

## *Website and Social Media Updates*

The Alumni League is taking steps to update and upgrade our website and provide timely content on our social media platforms, such as facebook (yes, we do have a facebook account!).

Our first goal is to make the website user friendly, interactive, attractive and informative. We would like it to be your first stop when looking for information regarding Alumni League activities, USC NROTC events, and Defense News.

With this in mind, here are some of the planned improvements you should see over the next few months on *your* website:

Easier site navigation - easier to read and more intuitive to navigate

Improved Event Calendar readability

Adding live news feeds relevant to veterans/alumni - such as Early Bird, Defense News, and USC military community posts

Easier and more obvious links to On-line Donations to support scholarships as well as Alumni events.

Providing a “LinkedIn” like function where alumni can post (or link posts) about themselves and keep connected in a focused space or forum.

**Note** - This is still a “work in progress” - but please visit the site as relevant updates (such as the changes to the 80th Plus Anniversary Celebration) will be posted.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome - please send them to our coordinator, Rich Suttie at: [rinavy@aol.com](mailto:rinavy@aol.com)

*Our website: [uscnotc.org](http://uscnotc.org)*

## ***USC NROTC Alumni League Scholarships for the 2019 -2020 Academic Year***

The USC NROTC Alumni League is pleased to have awarded **ten \$1000 scholarships** for the Fall and Spring semesters of the 2019-2020 academic year to the Midshipmen listed below. These scholarships are possible through the contributions provided by our alumni members to the Alumni League Scholarship Fund. This scholarship recognizes their scholastic and leadership achievements in the Battalion, at USC and in their community. The funds are credited to their university account to assist with their school expenses.

### **Fall 2019**

**Midshipman 1st Class Aaron Hobson** - Battalion Operations Officer - Industrial and Systems Engineering Major. Activities - USC Surf Team, Sigma Chi Fraternity

**Midshipman 1st Class Austin Reinhold** - Battalion Executive Officer - Industrial and Systems Engineering Major. Activities - Surf Club, Sigma Nu Fraternity

**Midshipman 2nd Class Stephen Griffith** - Battalion Command Master Chief - Political Science Major. Activities - Sigma Nu Fraternity

**Midshipman 2nd Class Jack Salva** - Orientation Week MIDN Instructor, Mustering Petty Officer - International Relations Major. Activities - USC Climbing Team, Teaching International Relations Program, International Rescue Committee

**Midshipman 2nd Class Kayla Wehner** - Battalion Operations Officer - International Relations Major. Activities - Small Group Leader, Christian Ministries Group, Russian Film Club, International Rescue Center volunteer.

### **Spring 2020**

**Midshipman 1st Class Aaron Hobson** - Battalion Alumni Affairs Officer - Industrial and Systems Engineering Major. Activities - USC Surf Team, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Trojan Real Estate Group

**Midshipman 2nd Class Henry Linenger** - Battalion Athletics Officer - Dean's List Geo Design Major. Activities - Caruso Catholic Center volunteer, Sigma Chi Fraternity

**Midshipman 2nd Class Hailey Mollica** - Battalion MWR Officer - Mechanical Engineering Major. Activities - Price School Dean's Office Student Worker, USC SCUBA Club

**Midshipman 2nd Class Michelle Reiss** - Command Master Chief - Business Administration Major. Activities - USC Housing Student Worker, Panhellenic Executive Board for recruitment events, Aviation Club

**Midshipman 2nd Class Jack Salva** - Orientation Week MIDN Instructor, Mustering Petty Officer, Training Officer - International Relations Major. Activities - USC Climbing Team, Teaching International Relations Program, International Rescue Committee

## *Back at the Battalion*

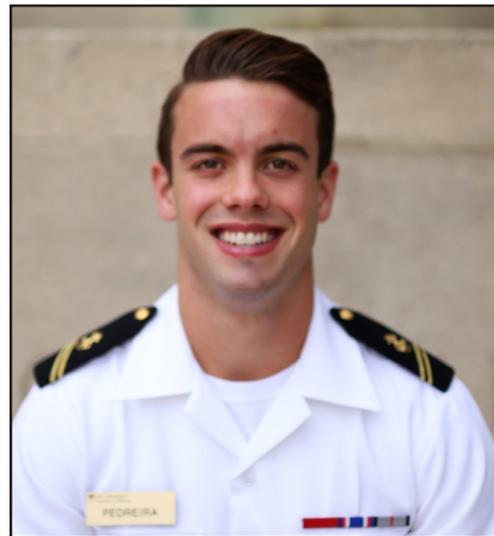
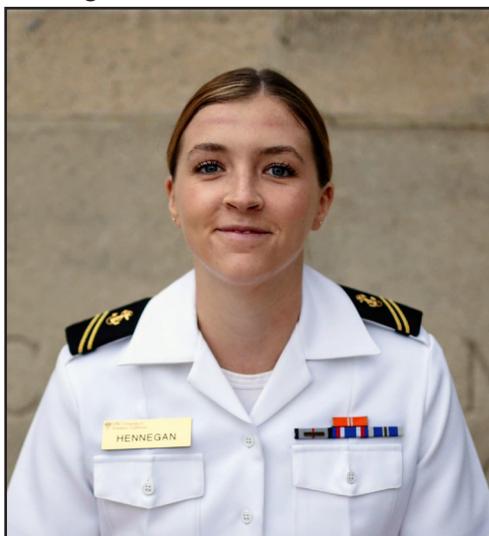
### Battalion Commander (BNCO) Profiles

#### Fall 2019 – MIDN Charlotte Hennegan, USNR

Charlotte graduated from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, California, after spending her first two years at Coronado High School in San Diego. After receiving an NROTC scholarship, Charlotte selected USC, following a family tradition. Her older brother – LT Collin Hennegan – graduated from USC NROTC and is now an E/A-18G “Growler” pilot. Her older sister – LTJG Jacyln Hennegan – also a USC NROTC BNCO and grad, serves aboard the USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) based in Bremerton, Washington. Her dad is a retired Rear Admiral, so she has “lots of Navy” in her background!

Charlotte is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and will be commissioned in Dec 2020. While at USC she has been active in the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and served as Vice President of the chapter. In the NROTC Battalion, Charlotte completed CORTRAMID in San Diego for her 3rd class summer, served aboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) in Bremerton for her 2nd class summer cruise, and was flying high for her 1st class summer cruise with VAQ-131 at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington, including a flight in an E/A-18G “Growler” like her brother flies!

Charlotte has not yet received the selection for her first duty station but plans to be a Surface Warfare Officer after commissioning.



#### Spring 2020 – MIDN Anthony Pedreira, USNR

Anthony is from the Seattle area and graduated from Mercer Island High School. He selected USC, following in the footsteps of his mom and sister, who are both Trojans. At USC, Anthony has been an active member and chapter President of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, in addition to holding a number of billets in the Trojan Battalion. He majored in International Relations & Global Business and minored in Human Security & Geospatial Intelligence.

He attended CORTRAMID in San Diego for his 3rd class summer and completed the Navy’s new Midshipmen training session called “Sea Trials” at Newport, Rhode Island for his 2nd class summer. Anthony’s 1st class summer was at “SOAS,” (Seal Officer Assessment & Selection) in Coronado.

The Coronavirus pandemic greatly impacted his time as Battalion Commander as USC closed the campus during his last semester and all classes and NROTC activities became “virtual.” Anthony and his 2020 classmates graduated and were commissioned through virtual online ceremonies on 15 - 16 May. Ensign Pedreira will report for active duty on the USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) in San Diego.

**CLASS of 2020**  
**Marine Corps Second Lieutenant and Navy Ensigns**

*Congratulations to our newest officers, virtually commissioned on May 16, 2020*  
*Welcome aboard to the Alumni League!*

**ENS Wyatt Autterson, USN**

*Hometown:* Cherry Hills Village, CO

*Degree:* BA in Economics with a minor in Business Finance

*First Duty Station:* Explosive Ordnance Disposal/Diver Course, Panama City, FL

**ENS Julia Brunn, USN**

*Hometown:* Highlands Ranch, CO

*Degree:* BA in International Relations Global Business

*First Duty Station:* Student Naval Flight Officer to Pensacola, FL

**ENS Connor Cogdill, USN**

*Hometown:* Modesto, CA

*Degree:* BS in Economics/Mathematics

*First Duty Station:* USS STETHEM (DDG-63) as Surface Warfare Officer (Nuclear), San Diego, CA

**ENS Trevor Gilbert, USN**

*Hometown:* San Diego, CA

*Degree:* BA in Economics

*First Duty Station:* Student Naval Flight Officer to Pensacola, FL

**ENS Aaron Hobson, USN**

*Hometown:* Kailua, HI

*Degree:* BS in Industrial and Systems Engineering

*First Duty Station:* Explosive Ordnance Disposal/Diver Course, Panama City, FL

**ENS Franklin Lin, USN**

*Hometown:* Monterey Park, CA

*Degree:* BS in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

*First Duty Station:* Nuclear Power Training for Submarine Warfare Officer, Charleston, SC.

**2nd Lt Isai Oqueli, USMC**

*Hometown:* Fontana, CA

*Degree:* BA in International Relations with a minor in Human Security and Geospatial Intelligence.

*First Duty Station:* The Basic School, Quantico, VA

**ENS Anthony Pedreira, USN**

*Hometown:* Mercer Island, WA

*Degree:* BA in International Relations Global Business

*First Duty Station:* USS FITZGERALD (DDG-62) as a Surface Warfare Officer, San Diego, CA

**\*\*\*GO NAVY \*\*\* SEMPER FIDELIS \*\*\* FIGHT ON!!!\*\*\***

## *Impact of COVID 19 and Social Distancing on the Trojan Battalion*

*The Spring semester has been a difficult one, but with true Trojan spirit, the Midshipmen have been able to “adapt, improvise and overcome.” Below are three essays written by the MIDNs regarding their daily lives and routines during lockdown.*

### **MIDN 1/C Kayla Wehner**

One of the most common struggles of a new midshipman in the Battalion is adjusting to early wakeups. Thus, a morning full of sleeping in and no Battalion activities is highly coveted. However, since shelter in place began and operations ceased to function, I have developed an affection for those first 55 minutes of my morning. As a Midshipman in the Trojan Battalion, most mornings begin around 0500. First things first: shut off the alarm on my phone and send a message to my squad leader so they know I'm awake. Next the uniform of the day is put on and we gradually make our way from all corners of USC to the PED building. By 0525 I have made contact with my first shipmate as we walk to campus. By 0535 I have reached the wardroom and said good morning to my squad leader and some others. By 0545 the wardroom is full of yellow PT shirts as some of the early birds talk and laugh, the ones who had a late-night yawn, and the unlucky person who overslept gets sent on working party. By 0550 I have said good morning to Gunnery Sergeant and the Officers as they check the demeanor of the Midshipmen: making sure everyone is in uniform but most importantly that everyone is doing all right. By 0555 we are in formation, standing at attention, looking strong and unified, ready for the day's work.

Now, with the recent restrictions due to COVID-19, I usually say good morning to my parents around 0800 and by 1200, my sixteen-year-old brother has most likely emerged from his room. The first 55 minutes of my day are no longer filled with adrenaline, accountability, and comradery. To put it blatantly: I miss those 55 minutes.

As a college student in quarantine, Zoom classes are the new normal. It is impressive to watch people engaging in literature discussions, peer editing, and labs through their allocated digital window. ROTC is still being conducted on Thursday mornings by having the Battalion all log onto Zoom and hear from the week's speaker. One of the positives is that the speaker doesn't need to be physically located in Los Angeles, so we had the opportunity to hear from General Mattis as well as Admiral Foggo in Italy. While in practice, the transfer from in-person to online

has been successful and the week's tasks are still being achieved, but the lack of in-person contact makes it far less engaging.

However, due to the pandemic, I have been very lucky to spend so much time in my hometown with my family. My brother and I successfully painted part of our house, my dad and brother have designed an impressive garage gym, and my dog is in heaven with the amount of attention she's been getting. My cooking skills have been improved upon significantly and finding a time for all four of us to eat dinner is no longer an extravagant mission for my mom. Lincoln, CA is fairly rural, so there are lots of good trails to run on which has developed into an intense running competition (The QuaRANtine mile max challenge). And finally, calling our grandparents has become routine as we all are doing our best to make them feel loved and connected with our family.

The past few months have been repeatedly described as “unprecedented”. In fact, I think I hear that word at least three times a night when watching the nightly news with my parents. However, while the current climate is unlike anything seen before, unprecedented times have presented themselves to every generation. The Great Depression, the World Wars, the Cold War, and 9/11 are all examples of unprecedented times where people were challenged to adapt and overcome. During COVID-19, we have been challenged to remain connected and maintain bonds that I am sure we all took for granted. As you have heard people say, “we are not social distancing, we are physically distancing”. However, I think that the world has become far more in tune with the importance of physical positioning in terms of our human relations.

During my past three years in the Battalion, I have grown as a leader and learned what will be expected of myself upon entering the fleet. Yet I think that the most important lesson has been understanding what it means to be a shipmate. The Trojan Battalion is my second family and has endured a number of struggles the past few months. Being a shipmate can be hard and requires practice. You have to learn compassion while keeping each other accountable. You have to have a good time but still be there to wake up for muster. You have to be able to celebrate success

and endure the other's disappointment. And in today's climate, you have to be more intentional than ever, so that no one feels alone.

It is easy to become complacent in routine and take basic activities for granted. In this unprecedented time, we are being challenged to change the groundwork of our society so that the next generation can be successful. Fall 2020 will be a unique semester filled with creative ways of interacting and training. However, as the incoming Battalion Commander, my focus will begin with the first 55 minutes of the day. I believe that in our walk to campus, our nod of accountability, and our formation as a united group that we learn what it is to be a shipmate.

Through different conversations with our guest speakers, USC Trojan Battalion Alumni, and my own family members, I have been able to observe multiple generations of American servicemen and women. Each generation was presented with an unprecedented time that resulted in a new development in America. However, at the core, one thing has remained consistent; the bonds that these veterans have gained from their time in service. With social distancing these bonds are threatened, however, I know that they will remain at the core of our Navy and Marine Corps. With that, I would like to thank the Alumni League for their continued support of the Midshipmen. Your investment helps us maintain connection and learn from those who have served. It is an example to us that shipmates are there for each other no matter the location. Thank you once again and I hope that you all are staying healthy. Fight on!

*Kayla Wehner is a senior from Lincoln, California (right outside Sacramento) studying International Relations and Russian Area Policy.*

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### MIDN 3/C Ian Brill

While 'staying safe at home' hasn't been a lot of fun, the pandemic has allowed me to improve physical fitness. Since the coronavirus stay-at-home orders have resulted in there not being much to do for a long period of time, it has been possible to steadily improve physical fitness. Another way that I have passed the time has been by starting to study chemistry, which seems to me, to have some important Navy applications. I was lucky enough to find a series of chemistry lectures on YouTube from General Chemistry at MIT, which I think is fair to say is a good source of information. Right now the professor is laying some foundation for studying matter at the smallest level,

explaining frequencies of electromagnetic radiation, photon energy, and light intensity.

There is also much more time now for home improvement projects. My parents' home is on a sizeable hill which means that maximizing the property means large walls holding large amounts of dirt to prevent erosion and allow for the largest possible amount of level area. So during this coronavirus lockdown period, we have moved several walls out and filled and packed large volumes of dirt.

Another project that I have worked on with my parents' carpenter/friend is building fences around the house, one of these which is made from ipe wood. Ipe is an incredibly dense wood from Brazil which does not float and apparently does not catch fire. It is more difficult to work with because, obviously, of its density. A board of ipe weighs more than a softer wood of the same size, but it produces a higher quality end product which is more resistant to delaminating and splintering. While these projects may not be quite as interesting as college life at USC, there is no better time to get them done.

Lastly, it has been a good time to catch up with family and friends. My brother, who is a senior at the Naval Academy, is at home in San Diego with the rest of us, and we were all able to celebrate his birthday together for the first time since his senior year of high school. I have also been able to catch up with a friend of mine since preschool. His dad served in the Navy in Vietnam and he plans on joining the Navy after graduating from college.

*Ian Brill is from San Diego, California and is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.*

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### MIDN 4/C Bryce Alexander

I have been affected by social distancing very minimally in comparison with many of those around the country. I have not lost my job or anything of that matter. Social distancing's biggest impact on me is that it has allowed my family and me to avoid picking up the coronavirus.

As a student at USC, social distancing has definitely impacted the way I learn, but I do not feel it has impacted the quality of my learning. Some of my classes, math in particular, did not translate well from in person to online lectures. With this being said, I still was provided with every tool I needed to succeed, just now I feel more responsible for teaching myself the material, rather than having it taught to me through lecture.

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## *The Story behind COSSAC: Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan and the Genesis of Operation Overlord*

*by Stephen Kepher '74*

May 2020 marks the publication by Naval Institute Press of my book on the planning for the cross-Channel assault in 1944. It is not the story of Eisenhower and Montgomery nor another tale of daring-do; no paratroops jumping into darkness behind enemy lines, dashing commandos or small unit commanders taking initiative and succeeding against all odds. Private Ryan does not figure in this narrative.

It is the story of how the Western Allies got to 6 June 1944. The focus is on the strategic, political and logistic debates and issues that had to be resolved before assault troops could be loaded and transported to the invasion beaches. As an example of successful planning by coalition partners, with military, naval, political, diplomatic and civil affairs aspects, it remains relevant to those interested in national security policy and planning today. It is also a case study of leadership in a complex military/political environment.

COSSAC is an acronym – Chief of Staff (to the) Supreme Allied Commander, the position to which that British general Sir Frederick Morgan was assigned. In addition, it became the name of the ad hoc staff that Morgan headed, which existed from April 1943 to early January 1944. At Morgan's insistence it was, from the first moment, a truly allied staff: British, Canadian, American, South African and Australian officers and enlisted. They were formed not as yet another planning staff, but with the intent of becoming the embryo of the Supreme Allied Commander's operational staff, a concept that had not been previously attempted, certainly not for a proposed operation of this scale. The idea that the staff would be formed, the operation planned and approved, subordinate commanders appointed and then the supreme commander would arrive at the last minute was, perhaps, a bit irregular.

In April 1943, Morgan was given three tasks: in less than three months he had to recruit and establish his staff, and plan and submit two plans to the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff for approval – one was a contingency plan for a much-hoped-for German collapse (as they had done in 1918) – the other a plan for a re-entry into the Continent by amphibious assault against determined German resistance. Where that would occur was not specified and,

initially, the only guidance as to when was “as early as possible in 1944.” Complicating his problem was the fact that there was no supreme commander assigned, and British staff officers of the period could not assume command authority, nor did they have “by direction” authority. He could request, suggest, cajole, but he couldn't order commanders of operational units to provide assistance – and some of those commanders were senior to him. Added to that was the problem that the techniques of a modern amphibious assault were still being worked out. There was no one agreed upon way to do what he was being asked to plan and no history of successful amphibious assaults – as opposed to amphibious landings. Additionally, there was no guarantee that the operation would occur. That guarantee would finally occur at the end of November 1943. The third task he was assigned, and which he had to plan simultaneously with the first two was to plan and conduct an amphibious feint from England toward the Pas de Calais in September 1943 with the idea of enticing the German Air Force into battle under favorable circumstances so that a temporary reduction in German day fighters could occur.

How Morgan accomplished his mission is the heart of the story. By gaining the political approval for the operation, first at the inter-Allied conference in Washington in May 1943, again at the Quebec conference in August and finally at Tehran in November 1943, by convincing the British Chiefs of Staff and other officers senior to him that their preference for the Pas de Calais was wrong and by solving many of the attendant problems relating to the amphibious assault (notably the need for artificial harbors), COSSAC made it possible for OVERLORD to occur on 6 June 1944. It is perhaps but a small exaggeration to say that without COSSAC the Allies might well have been not ready for D-Day until later that summer, when circumstances (like the German's employment of the V-1) would have been very different.

How the book came to be is a story steeped in serendipity – or perhaps fortune does favor the well-prepared.

In 2006, thanks to a small legacy from my father, my wife and I took the decision to quit our jobs, sell our house

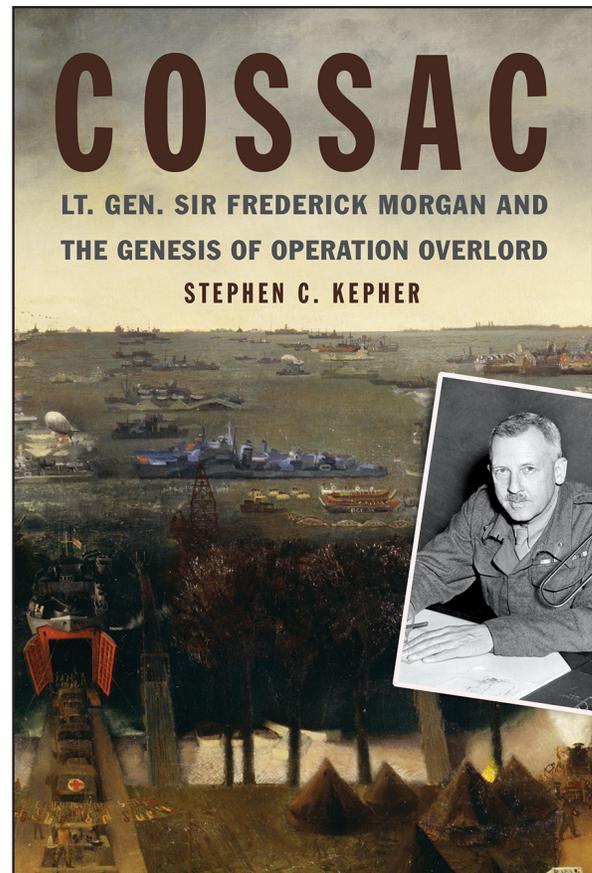
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in the Napa Valley and move, with our cats, to Glasgow, Scotland so that I could pursue a Master's degree in War Studies at the University of Glasgow, the idea being that we would be able to find jobs somewhere in the world afterwards. The MLitt degree required a thesis. I had read Carlos D'Este's *Normandy Decision* (one of the best books on the Normandy campaign). In a footnote, he suggested that Morgan's work was worthy of further study. That led to the start of my research.

After the year in Glasgow and gaining the degree, we landed in Seattle where I went back to work as a Development Director for a series of non-profit organizations – being responsible for planning and executing the various campaigns to raise funds for scholarships or new buildings or endowments. After retiring in 2015, I rejoined the Society for Military History, went to their annual conference in 2016 and thought it would be interesting to present a paper at the next conference, which restarted my research into Gen. Morgan. Somewhat surprisingly my proposal was accepted and I did present a paper on COSSAC at the 2017 conference where I also met the acquisitions editor for Naval Institute Press. NIP is one of the few academic presses that will consider unsolicited manuscripts. I spun a tale of the book I could write and he sent me the template for a book proposal (What is the topic, why is it important, who else has written on the topic and how is your idea different, who is your target audience, what is the chapter outline, do you have a writing sample – ideally at least a chapter of the manuscript...). Three months later NIP accepted the proposal and I spent the next 18 months alternating between staring out the window, staring at the laptop screen, cursing, and then doing some serious writing.

I naively thought that I would submit the manuscript and NIP would produce a book. It's more complicated than that. My manuscript was submitted, as per contract, in March 2019. It then went to two anonymous historians who reviewed it and (a) agreed that it was worth publishing in its current form, and (b) suggested what they considered to be relatively minor changes. I had three weeks to respond. Then we entered into a copy editing process, looking for inconsistencies of usage and style as well as repetition of facts (for example, if I described Mountbatten as the youngest Chief of Combined Operations in chapter 4, he's still the youngest in chapter 7, and I didn't need to repeat the fact). There's also the requirement to adhere to the NIP style manual. For example, ships can be "she" but one can't refer to "Britain and her navy" – rather, "Britain and its navy". The next phase is "first proofs"

or what I assume used to be "galleys", checking for typos or small corrections with the text now essentially in book form. Along the way, there are the issues of maps, charts, photos (all the responsibility of the author), getting the bibliography and the citations correct in terms of form, finding artwork or a concept for the cover and the index. As of the end of January 2020, it has been ready for pre-order at [usni.org](http://usni.org). It is also available from Amazon.



Cover Art for "COSSAC" -  
release date: September 15, 2020

### *Becoming an Expat - Life in France*

Just before Naval Institute Press accepted my proposal, we took the decision to move to France. The reasons were many. One category would be considerations around retirement. We don't have kids and my wife, Jan's family is down to her two sisters, one in Colorado and the other in Texas. So, we don't have massive family gatherings during the holidays or commitments regarding grandchildren and such. While we reached a point with our retirement savings that Jan retired at age 62 and I retired a year later, neither one of us spent our careers in such highly

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## ***Expat - Life in France***

profitable careers that we are beyond financial concerns/restraints. The question became – where could we live that is affordable, enjoyable for us, with access to quality healthcare come the time we need it and just plain makes us happy on a routine basis. The answer turned out to be the west of France, in Angers, where our cost of living is roughly 70% of what it was in Seattle. We don't need a car, we're just over 90 minutes from Paris by train and 45 minutes away from Nantes in the other direction. Angers has a population of about 160,000 with 40,000 students centered on two universities, a post grad business school, an agriculture post-grad institute, a good selection of tech start-ups and is a logistics center. It's a vibrant economic area that doesn't depend on tourism or past glory to survive. Angers consistently places at or near the top of the list of best mid-size French cities in which to live in almost every survey. The World Health Organization ranks French healthcare as at or near the top of the tables and the Angers area in particular is known for good healthcare providers, with both public and private hospitals and clinics. We've qualified for access to the French system at the same costs/charges as French citizens. The life expectancy in France is longer than in the US, with more years of good quality life as a percentage of the total.

I should also mention the food and wine. This too was a consideration. As was thinking about what we like to do. The art, history and music that is available here (“here” being from Angers to Paris to Amsterdam to Berlin to Madrid, etc.) suits us and train travel is easy (ahem, when there are no strikes of course).

We have felt very welcomed here and have made friends both within the expat community and with the French – who have been, in the main, wonderful, helpful and considerate. That is not to say that life is perfect – one needs to create a dossier for everything – the French seem to love paperwork. I could also mention the “delight” of dealing with retail banks and mobile phone providers as well as the occasional taxi driver who is having a bad day. Provincial France, however, is different than Paris – and many French hold Parisians in a different, and not necessarily positive, light. It is also true that in dealing with many businesses, large and small, the default position is often “no” if you have a problem. We've had to learn to “fight our corner” more forcefully than is usually required in the US – our slowly improving French language skills

are useful in this regard. Oh, if you've heard anything about French bureaucracy, it's true. Good, bad, ugly, all true. We've learned: Be Ready, Be Early, Follow the Instructions.

The other broad category of reasons for the move is bounded on one side by curiosity – what's it like in other places, how does daily life work, what's “on the other side of the mountains” and can we go see. The other side can be defined in part by Satchel Paige's quote “Don't look back, something might be gaining on you.” I had an instinctive aversion to “retirement” defined as sitting in a rocking chair and waiting for God. This seemed like a grand adventure and one where the potential rewards outweighed the risks.

Moving to France, while it took three years to organize, was not quite as daunting as it otherwise might have been – and experiences in Scotland led us to believe that we'd be comfortable on the Continent. At least we had some sense of what we were getting ourselves into. As a friend of ours (Scot, ex-British Army tanker) said, “There are astronomers and there are astronauts,” somewhat to our surprise, we've turned out to be astronauts of a sort. As I write this, so far, so good.



*Stephen Kepher '74, in Angers, France*

## An addendum to the story of our life overseas... Angers, France in the time of COVID – 19

*by Stephen Kepher '74*

As I write this on 1 April, we've been under a strict lockdown for about two weeks with at least two more weeks to go. I would guess it will be mid-May before things start to return to normal. You may have read about the restrictions here. No one is allowed out of their house or apartment without having an official form that one has to fill out each time, attesting that the purpose or reason one is out falls under one of the approved categories (going to buy food, or to the pharmacy, going to the doctor, individual exercise for not more than one hour and not more than one kilometer from your residence, walking the dog, going to work – if you have proof that the work is essential and have the documentation that it can't be done from home. There maybe a couple of other categories.) Social distancing is mandatory. The only retail businesses open are food stores, pharmacies and other essential service - a very short list. Parks and rec areas are closed and no groups of any size are allowed. The local police are out checking on those who are outside. Those without the permit are fined. Repeat offenders could land in jail. When we go to the bakery or the butcher's there is a queue, each person 2 meters apart, not more than two customers in the store at a time, lots of face masks and gloves. The grocery home delivery services are working full tilt. We're planning our orders a week to ten days in advance. I would guess that the Uber Eats delivery persons are either close to exhaustion or remarkably fit by now.

It has been very serious in France, but not as bad as Spain, Italy, the UK or the US. Where we live has not been a "hot spot" and the hospitals and first responders are in good shape so far. Notwithstanding that the default position in France is to complain and criticize the government (any government), their actions seem to be mostly positive and proactive. There are stories about the government's ability to move ICU patients from hospitals that are maxed out to those that have excess capacity, even if that means repurposing a TGV train and sending it across the country. Equipment seems to be going where it needs to go within the country. The EU, on the other hand, seems to need some work as a group of institutions.

The release of the book has been delayed until September. It's just not that important right now. We've been fine. Years of living in earthquake country and having been trained to have a back-up plan have helped us. There is also a great deal of support from our friends here in France. They're always checking in to make sure les feu Americaines understand what's going on and if we need anything. So far, we've been keeping up pretty much on our own, but it's great to have friends.

When I was at The Basic School, there was a course on how to survive a nuclear, chemical or biological attack. Maj. Van Zandt was the instructor. I still remember his opening remarks. "The best way to survive a nuclear, chemical or biological attack is...to be somewhere else at the time." Not an option this time, but still good advice.

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### MIDN Essays on Impact of COVID 19

As a 4/C Midshipmen I believe I speak for the whole 4/C class when I say we are disappointed to not be going to CORTRAMID this summer. I was definitely looking forward to being able to be in San Diego with our whole class. Beyond that, everyone who's already been to CORTRAMID talks about how many cool things they got to do, and just overall how much fun their experience there was, which is why I was really looking forward to going. Additionally, as someone who really has no clue what community I want to end up in, I was looking forward to getting a firsthand look at all of my potential career paths in the Navy. I understand that we will all likely end up going to CORTRAMID, I was just hoping to go this summer.

Finally, from a personal level, although I do miss seeing all my friends at USC, given the fact that I am home, social distancing has not affected me all that much. I live in a town where I really don't know anyone, so my day consists of doing my work, working out, and then sitting around. Even if social distancing measures weren't in place, my day would be identical. This time period has allowed me to spend a ton of time with my family, which has been great.

Overall, I have no reason to complain about social distancing, as its impact on me has been so minor. Moving forward, I just hope that through good social distancing practices everyone I know can remain healthy and safe.

*Bryce Alexander was born in Norfolk, VA but currently lives in Coronado, CA. He is majoring in Industrial Systems Engineering.*

# DECADES *DOINGS*

*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.*

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## 1940's

**Glenn Lundell '47:** Happy to see Harry Tow's note in the last edition of The Log, as part of the Redlands to USC NROTC contingent. I'm still in Green Valley, AZ but have moved to Silver Springs Retirement Community.

## 1950's

**Ron Kennedy '52:** Whenever someone thanks me for my service, I thank them for funding my retirement for the last 40 years. I'm sending the Alumni League \$100 of it. Turning 90 this year and living in Frederick, MD. Have had a life I wouldn't exchange with anyone's but wore out two wives and am now batching it for the first time. Many kudos to the folks in the League who have kept us together for all these many years. Would be delighted to take part in the festivities if I didn't live on the other side of the world. Fight On! Let's get this football business back on track!

**Gerald Carr '54:** In November, celebrated the 40th “Launchaversary” of the takeoff of Skylab 4. Celebrated “Splashaversary” on Feb 8, 2020.

*Note: Col Gerald Carr, USMC, was a NASA Astronaut who was the commander of Skylab 4, the third and final crewed visit to the Skylab Orbital Workshop from Nov 16, 1973 - Feb 8, 1974*

**Ted Blanke '57:** My wife, Mary, passed away last August. We married right after I graduated, then went to Athens, GA for Supply School, followed by serving as Disbursing Officer on the carrier, USS KEARSARGE (CV-33). After discharge, worked for Bendix Computer, then Scientific Data Systems until 1966. Went into the plumbing business with my brother in law and developed 2 more businesses

so our expanding families would have places to go if interested. We have 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Victor Gulliver '57:** Good to see that George McMichael is doing well. I think he was the only classmate I crossed paths with during my Navy career. We were both at some event in Washington D.C., but I don't recall what it was. Are there other '57 classmates reading The Log?

**John Chamberlain '58:** Served 30 years and retired in 1988, including 18 years of sea duty during which I had the privilege of commanding USS GRAYBACK (LPSS-574) homeported in Subic Bay, USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19), COMSEVENTHFLT flagship, homeported in Yokosuka, and COMSURFRON One, homeported in Long Beach. Also served on the staff of the CNO, CINCPACFLT, COMSUBGRU SEVEN, COMNAVFOR JAPAN, and COMSURFRU LONGBEACH. After retiring, taught full time at Long Beach City College for 12 years before retiring again and moving to north county San Diego. Reni, my wife of 60 years and I enjoy cruising and visiting our 4 children and 13 grandchildren. I would like to thank Paul Alwine and the board members that have given so much time and energy to the USC NROTC Alumni League and making it the splendid organization that it has become!

## 1960's

**R. Hart Miller '62:** Lost wife to leukemia Oct 31, 2019. Starting a new life, facing a new challenge - adapt, adjust, survive. Semper fi!

**John Bingham '68:** In 2018, travelled to Slovenia and Croatia to flyfish. Slovenia is beautiful and the trout fishing is exceptional. Also spent some time in

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Venice and Florence. We enjoyed our trip immensely. Last November, joined R.C. Allen, Clay Geilfuss and Dyrk Van Dusen and their wives for our 50th reunion. This year, we hopped into our Corvette and joined 250+ Corvette owners and caravanned to Bowling Green, Kentucky to join 3000 other owners to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the National Corvette Museum. We love our retirement in Southwest Montana, fishing, hunting and enjoying the great outdoors.

**Jerry Vieau '68:** Went on a great Christmas adventure on the Pacific side of Costa Rica with our extended family. We stayed at a one-of-a-kind boutique resort in the rainforest in the steep hills overlooking a little beach town. The day trips to nearby rivers and a national park on the beach provided world class animal viewing of amazing variety.

## 1970's

**Patrick Park '70:** President/Chief Executive Officer at Dunn Realtors, Park Pacific Properties. Currently serving my 6th term as President of the La Jolla Real Estate Brokers Association and completed 2 terms as Director of the San Diego Association of Realtors. Married high school sweetheart, Carol, 50 years ago on 6/6/1970 - D-day Anniversary. Proud parents of 4 children and 21 grandchildren.

## 1980's

**Thomas Graff '81:** Retired from the Navy Reserves as a CAPT, Submarine service. Completed the NYC marathon on Nov 3, 2019 to celebrate turning 60 years old. Currently president, Commercial Real Estate - Ewing, Clark, Inc in Seattle.

**Brad Kratovil '82:** With our youngest daughter married in Spring 2018, my wife Paige (USC '85) and I moved from Virginia to Oro Valley, AZ. We are now much closer to the Trojan action and hope to attend some games. Fight On!

**Penny Denham (Alla Blanca) '86:** No surprise that I have lived a colorful life. Spent 11 years on active duty, and had 4 babies during that time, so I was clearly on the mommy track. After the Navy, moved with my family to a hippie commune in the woods near Eugene, OR. Eventually went back to school and became a high school math teacher for 14 years. Remarried and followed my new spouse to the Bay area. Very much enjoyed the W.A. Reunion last spring.

## 1990's

**Jonathan Selby '92:** Moved to Tucson, AZ in June 2019 and currently working at Raytheon as a Program Manager.

## 2000's and 2010's

### Nothing to Report



TAPS



*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.

William S. Johnstone, Jr '52	Oct 29, 2019
Richard J. Evans '64	Jan 4, 2020
Arthur E. Bergstrom '66	April 4, 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.



## The Photo Gallery



*The paths of two former Trojan Midshipmen intersected decades after their days at 'SC. Gene Colabatisto '82 (left) served as a Marine and transitioned to the business sector, currently the President of CAE Security & Defense. After retiring from the Marine Corps, Col Clyde Woltman (right) is now the Vice President of Leonardo Helicopters USA, Gene and Clyde worked together in establishing a strategic partnership between the two companies – Leonardo Helicopters USA and CAE USA. Leonardo Helicopters is the largest manufacturer of helicopters in the world, and CAE is the world leader in aircrew training and simulation products and services... a perfect match.*



*Doug Miller '81 (left) and wife Janice, and daughter Nicole (right) celebrates the commissioning of their son Anthony. Anthony graduated from the US Naval Academy and after TBS, will be serving in the new Cyber Warfare division. Doug was able to swear him in at the HQ of the Bn where he retired from, 3/25. BTW, his daughter, Nichole, was sworn in as a Deputy U.S. Marshall in March! Notice her "star" showing in the family picture.*



*Ed Tannenbaum '62 (left), Gwen and Jerry Vieau '68 at the USC Veterans and ROTC Dinner on March 5, 2020. One of the last events before the lockdown.*

# The Photo Gallery

## ZOOM Commissioning Ceremony May 16, 2020



*USC President, Carol Folt, congratulates the new officers*



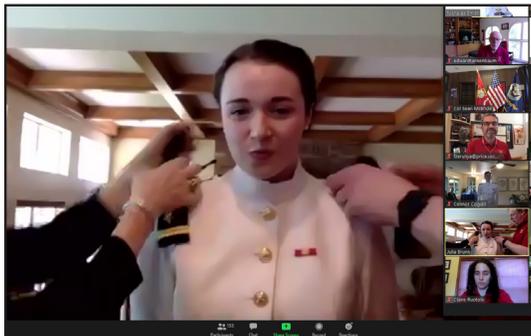
*Col McBride administers the Oath of Office*



*ENS Franklin Lin*



*2nd Lt Isai Oqueli*



*ENS Julia Brunn*



*ENS Connor Cogdill*



*Ensigns Pedreira, Hobson, Auttersen and Gilbert - Fight On!*

## 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.

Family Membership:  
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 2020

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contributions for Special Events (e.g., Drill Team, Computer Lab, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Donation for the NROTC Alumni League Scholarship Endowment

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

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# USC NROTC Alumni League REGULAR Membership

*All Graduates of the USC NROTC Program are REGULAR members of the Alumni League.  
Please use this form for donations and updates.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Here's my support for the USC NROTC Alumni League and the Trojan Midshipmen Battalion**

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE** (Note: You will receive a donation receipt from the University)

\$ 25.00 Member Dues Donation for 2020

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contributions for Special Events (e.g., Drill Team, Computer Lab, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Donation for the NROTC Alumni League Scholarship Endowment

[ \_\_\_\_\_ ] My company will match my gift. Contact your Company HR Dept for form and assistance

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

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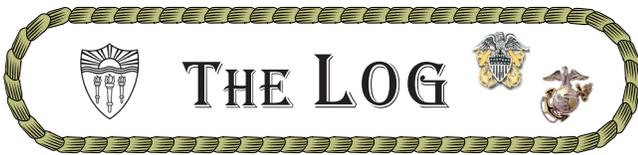
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## *Proud to Serve: USC Naval ROTC Alumni League*

*The USC Naval ROTC Alumni League started in 1982 with World War II veterans who were Trojan graduates. All Navy and Marine Corps alumni of the USC NROTC (which comprises more than 2,000 officers) are automatically members of the non-profit group, which is dedicated to strengthening and promoting ties to USC. In addition to mentorship and networking opportunities, the group offers awards and scholarships to USC NROTC Midshipmen to support their education.*

*To learn more, visit the USC Naval ROTC website:*

**<http://uscnrotc.org>**