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Special points of interest:

- NROTC Alumni Annual Meeting will be held in the Navy Building at 3:00 PM on Friday, November 14th, 2014
- NROTC Homecoming Reception honoring the class of 1944 (and all classes ending in 4 or 9) will be held at 3:30-6 PM on Friday, November 14th, 2014
- Look for the NROTC/Alumni tailgate at the homecoming game at Yulman Stadium



Celebrate 70! Luncheon

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Message From Association President

The Association was organized initially by the World War II classes following its reunions to celebrate anniversaries of their commissioning. The alumni felt that they needed a vehicle to allow them to continue to enjoy the camaraderie of service, document and preserve archival records of their service and the NROTC Unit (Unit), and share their resources and time to help the Unit and its Midshipmen. The alumni set aside the invested surplus income from their reunions, and established a dues structure to fund its activities in support of the Unit's desired needs not financed by Tulane or the US Navy.

Through the years the Board of Directors added alumni from later classes and expanded the scope of Association support. Subsequently, the Association was qualified as a charitable and educational corporation to facilitate tax-free treatment of dues and contribution; and formalize its organizational mission to be consistent with 501(c) (3) requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Association website, www.tulanenrotcalumni.org, sets forth the mission statement and just about anything one might want to know about the Association. I urge all to go there and surf the site. The Association has been in a state of transition with the passing of many of our stalwart leaders from the WWII classes. Not only do we miss their leadership and influence, we also need to replace the dues and income they provided. We are now pursuing an intensive effort to attract more alumni into participating in management and providing financial support through membership dues. We ask individuals in reunion classes to make a special effort to encourage classmates to attend and meet at the traditional Homecoming Friday afternoon annual meeting and reception. We ask local alumni to volunteer to participate in management of the Association to help us fulfill our mission by joining us as dues-paying members.



Colonel Wayne Bienvenu, USMC (Ret.) class of 1959

Homecoming 2014

For Homecoming 2014, the Association will hold a reception honoring the class of 1944 and all classes ending in 4 or 9. The reception will be in the Navy Building from 3:30-6 PM on Friday, 14 November. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. All classes are invited to attend. Family and guests are welcome.

The Association's Annual Meeting to elect board members and officers will be held in the Navy Building at 3 PM on Friday, 14 November. All members are invited, but only those

who paid 2014 or LIFETIME dues may vote. Dues may be paid at the meeting, online, or via the form on page 4.

The Association plans to provide refreshments at the NROTC/Alumni tailgate for the Homecoming game on Saturday, November 15 at Yulman Stadium. Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/tulanenrotcalumni>) for the latest information or visit our website (<http://www.tulanenrotcalumni.org>).

Celebrate 70! Luncheon

2012 marked the 70th Anniversary of the first Officer Commissioning from the Tulane NROTC Unit. The Association held a luncheon to honor the World War II classes (1942-1945). The event was a great success. Approximately 115 people including current Midshipmen, NROTC Unit Staff, Tulane University Faculty and Staff, 18 WWII veterans, and Tulane NROTC Alumni, family, and

friends of the NROTC Unit gathered to join in the celebration. The Marine Band performance was amazing. The



guest speakers were Mr. Wilson F. “Bill” Minor (Class of 1943); Dr. Lou Campomenosi, Major, USMC (ret); Dean Gary M. McPherson, PhD; Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Sneed, USMC (ret), Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, City of New Orleans; Brigadier General Roger Machut, USMCR (Class of 1982). The meal and camaraderie were spectacular. Visit our web archives for attendance list, photos, program, and a commemorative edition of the 1942 Taffrail Log (<http://www.tulanenrotcalumni.org/Celebrate70Reunion/Attendees2012.htm>)



Bill Minor (1943) and Tom Wicker (1944) reunite. John McCarthy (1944) relates his experiences.

Unit Engagement/Support

Fallen 5K

The Midshipman sponsored the inaugural Fallen 5K Race on February 22, 2014 in Audubon Park. The brisk, clear day was perfect for the Race in commemoration of the officers of Tulane’s Naval ROTC unit that have gone before us, paying the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country. Several Alumni came out to participate and watch the event while others supported the event through donations. Proceeds of the event support supplemental training activities for midshipmen.



Field Exercises



The President of the Association and one other member are invited to watch part of the two Marine Option (MO)

Field Exercises (FEX) each year. The fall FEX was held at Ponchatoula High School and conducted jointly with the MOs from LSU NROTC and a couple PLCs. The train-

ing was well-planned and support and opposition forces were provided by some very cooperative and enthusiastic Tulane NROTC Navy Option midshipmen. The midshipmen started early in the morning with a run-through of the obstacle course, then worked on their land navigation in surrounding woods and wrapped up the day with fire team assaults on various objectives. The weather was perfect, but the ground was muddy and soggy from previous heavy rains. The midshipmen threw them-

2014 Membership Dues Drive

The Association needs your help in support of our mission. Our main source of revenue is your contribution.

Membership Card *(please cut along dotted line)*



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Association Membership Card

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selves into the training...as well as into the mud, puddles and drainage ditch. The day was rounded off with shared stories and pizza provided by the Association. The Spring FEX was held at Camp Villere and further tested the MOs ability to practice their land navigation and small unit leadership skills—particularly those who were bound for OCS in the summer. The MOI and AMOI developed an excellent training plan which effectively trained all the midshipmen. We retired Marines left convinced that the Marine Corps (and Navy) was in good hands with both the unit staff and midshipmen in the unit. *Semper Fi. (Nora Huete)*

A bit of history: Rear Admiral Wat Tyler Cluverius Cup

The Association provides two awards to midshipmen each year for seniors demonstrating excellence in military character, the Wintle Award for Navy Option and the Barrow Award for Marine Option (we have added a monetary component to each in the past two years). One of the many awards given to midshipmen throughout the years was the Cluverius Cup which was awarded from 1942 – 1999. *Were you among the recipients?* Check out the list on our website: http://www.tulanenrotcalumni.org/Cluverius_page.htm.

But who was RADM Wat T. Cluverius (December 25, 1874 – October 28, 1952)? According to the October 29, 1952 edition of the *Times Picayune* newspaper he was a native New Orleanian who attended Tulane University. He then went to the Naval Academy and a long career in the U. S. Navy that spanned three wars: Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. RADM Cluverius won the Distinguished Service Medal and was decorated by four foreign countries. He was the last surviving member of the crew of the USS Maine when he died. Cluverius also served on battleships, destroyers, cruisers, at navy yards, the academy, naval districts, and many other commands. He went on to become President of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He established the Cluverius Cup in 1939 to be awarded to the senior midshipman at Tulane who demonstrated outstanding character. Visit our historical archives at: www.tulanenrotcalumni.org/Archive_Index.htm (*Gretchen Lowe*)



Cluverius Cup awarded from 1942 through 1999

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Communications

The Association's new Communications Committee has the following goals:

- Establish an annual plan to communicate Association mission accomplishments and other relevant Association news on a routine basis.

- Publish a newsletter to inform Association members of unit activities and midshipmen of Association endeavors.

- Establish methods of communications which are effective at reaching all generations of alumni and current midshipmen.

This newsletter and our new Facebook page are just the beginning of our work. We would love to hear from you. Please let us know what you think.



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