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Welcome Back CDR Flores

Tulane University NROTC is both classroom and home to many outstanding midshipmen, all of whom are preparing for the day when they will serve in the United States Navy or Marine Corps. They train with the knowledge that one day they will be called to serve overseas in such areas as the Persian Gulf or Afghanistan. Our own unit Executive Officer is a prevalent example of this.

CDR Edward Flores was assigned to the Multinational Security Transition Command Iraq, formerly known as the Office of Security Cooperation, for six months as the Deputy Director of Plans and Policy. As Deputy Director, CDR Flores was part of a team assigned to train the Iraqi army and police forces in the hopes of one day transitioning these duties away from coalition forces. CDR Flores was also a personal advisor to the Iraqi Chief of Staff. His duties included leading negotiations for training Iraqis in Egypt.

CDR Flores reflects on his experiences with a positive outlook. "I developed friendships with the Iraqis in the office," he said at one point during our interview, "real friendships. You see, Iraqis are just as human, with families as we are. They all are not Saddam Hussein. Iraqis are under death threats everyday to go to work. They have to change clothes at the office just so people will not know they are working with us."

CDR Edward Flores was in the line of fire, made friends overseas, and rode an Arabian horse around the pyramids. His many stories are testaments to the demands and rewards of service in the United States military and are a glimpse of the future to all the midshipmen he teaches and mentors everyday.

By: MIDN 3/C J. Hunter



(CDR Flores gets out of humvee in front of palace.)

NEW UNIT STAFF

CAPT Cesar Rodriguez

We are pleased to welcome Captain Cesar Rodriguez as our new Marine Officer Instructor. He graduated from the NROTC program at the University of Texas in 1995. He is an infantry officer and just recently came back from fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since he was a midshipman, he wanted to be an MOI. He believes it is extremely "rewarding to influence young people who want to become officers."

Captain Rodriguez's primary responsibility at the unit is to train MECEP personnel and Marine Option midshipmen to become successful Second Lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps. He also acts as a battalion advisor by giving the Commanding Officer, Captain Morrow, and the midshipman staff advice for running the unit.

Currently, Capt. Rodriguez is working on two Master's Degrees in Business Administration and Policy Economics. He is often described as the man "who has put in more hours at the office than anyone else." Capt. Rodriguez says that he "didn't realize how much time he would be spending with the unit, but he enjoys it" nonetheless. His hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated by everyone in the Tulane NROTC program.

By: MIDN 4/C K. Poole



LT Josh Potocko

Our newest Assistant Professor of Naval Science, LT Josh Potocko, joins us this year from an extended deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. LT Potocko grew up in Maryland and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1998. He received a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering and went on to receive a Masters from the University of Maryland in Space Systems Engineering.

LT Potocko is now the Aviation Warfare Advisor and Freshman Class Advisor. He says it is a welcome "chance to unwind" after serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Southern Watch, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He spent the past three years flying S-3B Vikings after graduating at the top of his winging class. He chose ROTC because of his experience at the Academy. Despite obvious differences between the programs, he believes that "it depends on what the person wants when they get in." He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in cellular and molecular biology with hopes of attending Tulane's Medical School and becoming a Navy Doctor. He is also actively pursuing a mean game of ping-pong with hopes of finally conquering his father back home.

By: MIDN 4/C J. Myers



LT Adam Albarado

After experimenting with various military programs, LT Albarado has returned to Louisiana to take the position as the Tulane NROTC Junior Class Advisor. Originally from Baton Rouge, LT Albarado received his undergraduate degree from Tulane University, where he did a year of Army ROTC before deciding that it was not for him. "Being in the military was always a goal of mine," said LT Albarado, so when he graduated in 1996, he enlisted in the Air Force.

While in the Air Force his recruiter steered him towards a commissioning path. After passing the Air Force Officer Qualification Test he was accepted to be a navigator and put in to be sent to Air Force Training School. While waiting to be sent off, "fate intervened," said LT Albarado. Fate in the form of a Navy recruiter offered an immediate spot at Officer Candidate's School and a pilot slot. In 1998 LT Albarado went to OCS and then flight school. He went as far as aircraft selection before deciding he would rather go into Surface Warfare.

LT Albarado was last stationed on the USS Pickney (DDG-91) where he served as the Terrorism Warfare Officer. Upon arriving at the Tulane NROTC unit, he was "impressed with the motivation and eagerness of the midshipmen." As an undergraduate at Tulane, he had friends who were in NROTC and he said it was interesting to be involved in the history of the unit.

By: MIDN 2/C S. Reisberg



YNC(SW/AW) Jeannine Davidson

Chief Jeannine Davidson is no stranger to the military lifestyle. Her father, a retiree of the military, adopted her at ten months old. She had always dreamed of going into the military. She knew she would join the Navy and hoped to do administrative work. After sixteen years, she continues to live out her original goals. This March will mark her seventeenth anniversary in the United States Navy.

Being a woman in the military has not always been easy for her. During one of her favorite tours with Navy SEALs in Panama, she recalls struggling with men not taking her seriously. When asked what she did to remedy this, she replied, "I used my knowledge to my advantage." Through hard work and outstanding performance, she gained their respect. Although it took some time, they eventually came to think of her as an equal.

When asked who her inspiration is, she quickly replied, "BMCS Angerer." He was a SEAL she met during her tour in Panama who later became her mentor. At that point she was undecided as to whether or not she wanted to remain in military. Because of him, she chose to continue with the Navy. Although this happened nearly fifteen years ago, she still refers to him as the one person who "helped her decide to stay in."

Chief Davidson is currently working on attaining her degree in criminal justice at Loyola University. She described her experiences so far at Tulane as "unique." In terms of future goals, she hopes to "streamline the medical process" and be promoted to Senior Chief next year.

To the midshipmen, Chief Davidson readily advises: "Take care of your sailors, keep an open mind, learn to adapt to changes, and always keep your goal or mission in mind."

By: MIDN 4/C D. Phelps



Freshman Orientation

"I do solemnly swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America".



(Freshmen class taking the oath on the first day of orientation.)

As the freshmen said these words on 17 August 2004, they officially became Fourth Class Midshipmen in the Tulane NROTC unit. The goal of freshman orientation is to present the military way of life to incoming freshmen, most of whom have never experienced life other than in the civilian world. During orientation they were introduced to drill techniques, inspections, physical training, and swim qualifications.



(Several midshipmen perform the prone float for their swim qualifications.)

Preparation by both freshmen and upperclassmen was essential for success of the orientation. Midshipman 4/C Burns prepared himself by "floundering around in the local swimming pool" in preparation for physical training. The upperclassmen had a multitude of duties such as ensuring sea-bags were packed, logistics were correct, and freshmen were in their proper locations.

Nothing could prepare the freshmen for the drastic change in lifestyle, introduced to them by Gunnery Sergeant Mark Hurdle, the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor. To familiarize the freshmen with the type training of enlisted men and women receive, whom they will one day lead, he guided them through a particularly strenuous first night at the nearby Naval Air Station. MIDN 4/C Stumpf remembers being "completely terrified."

The freshmen survived the four days of training and emerged ready to join the Tulane NROTC Battalion, the first step to their careers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

By: MIDN 4/C Griffen, MIDN 4/C A. MacDonald, MIDN 4/C Stroud



(Freshmen do pushups, led by GySgt. Hurdle, at Belle Chase)

Navy Building Gets a Facelift!

At the ripe old age of ninety-two, our beloved Navy building recently received a well-deserved facelift. The Navy Building was first built in 1912 and served as Tulane's first gymnasium. Midshipmen have been training in the building since World War II. With nearly sixty years of service, it is no wonder that the Navy Building needed a little R & R, rejuvenating and reviving. The plants adorning the front of the Navy building have recently been trimmed and pruned. Most noticeably, the building was given a power wash that helped remove all the dirt and mildew that had accumulated over the years. The stucco was also resealed. In the coming weeks, a new coat of paint will finish off the renovations to the outside of the building.



(Worker power washing scum off building)

The outside is not the only part of the building that received a makeover. While the midshipmen were out on summer cruise, the navy building was gaining some much-needed renovations on the interior as well. The classrooms have been polished and professionalized. The old floors were removed and the blackboards taken down. Now, both midshipmen and staff enjoy the deep blue carpeting and brand new whiteboards along with a new, and much needed, LCD projector. Also, for several days in September work was done on the drill deck to bring it back to its original luster. It took roughly a week to complete: three days for the actual refinishing and another three to let it cure. It was a minor bother, using only the back hatch for a week, in comparison to what was gained in restoration. Several visiting alumni have noted that the building has never looked better.

Previously, the staff offices were filled with various assortments of available furniture.

Recently, an entire set of dark mahogany furniture has been purchased to help professionalize the appearance of the administrative offices. The staff seems especially pleased to have brand new desks to work at. Finally, the roof was patched and new ceiling tiles installed. This should help prevent any leaks during foul weather. Hopefully, these improvements will extend the life of the Navy Building for at least another ninety-two years.

By: MIDN 4/C C. Patterson and K. Harper



(Ceiling tiles missing after big storm)



(Captain Morrow reorganizes his desk...from the bottom up.)

Tulane NROTC Hosts Retirement of Captain Jack Capella, USNR

Tulane University NROTC was honored with the pleasure of hosting Captain Jack Capella, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the New Orleans Hornets, who retired from the United States Naval Reserve on Saturday November 6, 2004. A graduate of Tulane NROTC Class of 1977, CAPT Capella was commissioned and served four years active duty in the United States Navy, joining the Reserves after returning to New Orleans to go to Law School. During his reserve duty he was recalled back for Desert Shield/Desert Storm, serving more time in active duty operations than many of his active duty friends at the time.



CAPT Capella joined NROTC on a bet: his father and the Professor of Naval Science of Tulane University at the time, Captain Ernest E. Wilson, played golf together and as a stake for winning, the young Capella would join NROTC—or so the legend goes. Now, twenty-seven years later, Captain Jack Capella retires from the Navy having earned the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, a Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Battle Efficiency “E”, and various other service and campaign medals.

The retirement ceremony was originally planned for the Tulane Navy Building. Because the crowd was so large, however, the ceremony was held in McAlister Auditorium with the following reception taking place at the Navy Building instead. The ceremony itself was spectacular. The Tulane NROTC Color Guard presented the colors followed by an invocation by Father Neal McDurmet. The two guest speakers, Rear Admiral Robert R. Percy III and Captain J. Daniel McCarthy, both spoke at length of CAPT Capella’s innumerable accolades followed by very moving speeches about brotherhood, dedication, and family. There was not a dry eye in the audience.

CAPT Capella is characterized as charismatic and warm by those who knew him. Personally being around him immediately evoked

the feeling of being around a distinguished and natural leader. Throughout the engagement of his retirement ceremony and his interactions with the Tulane University NROTC battalion and staff, he was always looking out for those around him; making sure that people were being set first, even at his own retirement. His care was made especially apparent when, during the middle of his retirement, he singled out a fellow service member and friend that was also retiring the same year but elected to not have a ceremony, telling him that he would share his own ceremony with him as well. This is Captain Jack Capella: loyal, compassionate, and committed.

The retirement ceremony concluded with a flag passing ritual in which the Colors were passed from the most junior to the most senior officer. MIDN 3/C Ksiazkiewicz was selected as the junior most service member for this event.

“We did a really good job hosting the retirement ceremony,” Ksiazkiewicz said, “the color ceremony looked especially professional. The whole event was a great experience.”

Afterwards, at the reception, guests were delighted with a live jazz band, catered food that included roast beef, shrimp, and crab cakes, all on top of white linen tables. MIDN 3/C Zachary Roussel, a native of New Orleans, commented that the lobster ravioli was “the best he’s ever had.” He continued by saying, “I really enjoyed the ceremony and the reception. The ceremony was exciting because it showed the entire life of someone who has been with the Navy for so long, and all of his accomplishments. The reception had great food, and was small enough so that you felt like you were a part of Captain Capella’s family. The lobster ravioli was also really, really good.”

It was an honor for the Tulane University NROTC Battalion to be included in such a marvelous retirement ceremony, honoring CAPT Jack Capella for his hard work and fidelity in the United States Navy for all these years. We wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors, as a father, an accomplished lawyer, and as a role model for all of us aspiring Naval and Marine Corps officers.

By: MIDN 3/C Gressett

Next-Generation Officers Meet Next-Generation Ships

In early October of this year, a trip was organized by Tulane NROTC midshipmen to Naval Station Pascagoula in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The attraction was an exciting sneak-peek at the plans for the newest forms of cutting-edge surface warfare technology. The LCS and the DD(X) will eventually become an integral part of the United States Naval Fleet.

Arranged by MIDN 1/C Jonathan Costolo and attended by midshipmen of every class, the trip included an in-depth presentation by a Navy spokesperson working in cooperation with Northrop Grumman Ship Systems. They are the leading company in the design and production of the new ships. The LCS and the DD(X) are both expected to “maximize and revolutionize the combat capability of the Fleet,” say Navy officials.

At the Naval Station, the midshipmen learned the DD(X) is a next-generation gunship greatly automated in design, enabling it to operate with a far smaller crew than preceding destroyers.



(Pictures of proposed DD(X) designs.)

They were privileged to also learn about the LCS (Littoral Combat Ship), which is planned to serve as an astonishingly effective coastline assault vessel specializing in multiple missions including anti-surface, anti-submarine, and anti-mine warfare. MIDN 3/C Chris Dibble remarked, “They’ll improve on what [the Fleet] has now... the LCS especially. The LCS kind of fills the little niche that we don’t have anything filling right now.”



(Drawing of proposed LCS design.)

Following the brief, technical details of the project were addressed via an open forum of questions and answers. The Tulane midshipmen had the opportunity to discuss the future direction of the Fleet alongside many Naval officers from across the country. “There were some high-ranking people there... some admirals,” recollected MIDN 4/C Sean Castle. Ending the trip with a stop by Wendy’s™ for burgers, MIDN Castle recalls, “...good times.”

By: MIDN 4/C K. Gashy

BATTALION CLUBS

Band

The NROTC Band, a mix of midshipmen from all classes and musical backgrounds, has completed a successful fall semester having even improved upon its previous years’ accomplishments. Under the leadership of MIDN 2/C Reagan Balsamo, the band gave a performance at the Change of Command ceremony, the likes of which moved even the Gunnery Sergeant to remove his hat in due reverence and respect. The band’s Mardi Gras schedule, consisting of three parades, includes the honor of being the first band in this year’s Krewe of Pontchartrain.



(Band performs at Change of Command practice.)

The Cannoneers

The Tulane NROTC Cannoneers are back at it again, firing off an exciting display for all to see. This year the crew was led by MIDN 1/C Bryce Fitzgerald, a position he enjoyed very much, especially at the homecoming game. Because of great action on the field resulting in a high scoring game, the Cannoneers were able to entertain the crowd with their own magic firing over ten times! When questioned for this article, MIDN 4/C Ben Wheatley stated, “It was a lot of fun and I am definitely doing it again next year.”



(Cannon used by Cannoneers at Homecoming game.)

Aviation Club

This year, all those midshipmen interested in flying could join the newly formed Aviation Club, headed by MIDN 2/C Macus and Westerfield, and Lieutenants Brandhuber and Potocko. The club helps students study and prepare for the ASTB, as

well as taking trips to aviation locations. Most recently, the midshipmen visited NAS Belle Chasse where they watched flight operations and received an up-close look at some airframes. Plans are currently being formulated for a trip to NAS Pensacola during the spring semester. They hope to tour a P-3, C-130, and Marine Helo squadron as well as hear speeches on important naval air battles, such as the Battle of Midway, Leyte Gulf, and the Marianas.



(MIDN Toennis looks over his shoulder at the Blue Angels at Belle Chase Air Show)

SpecWar Club

There is a new club getting off the ground here at Tulane. The SpecWar Club is a club for any midshipmen interested in either Special Warfare (SEAL) or Special Operations (EOD). Most of the activities are fitness related, as the main goal of the group is to prepare members for selection into these communities, as well as prepare them physically and mentally for Mini-BUDS. The group also hopes to compete in the annual FAMU NROTC SEAL Challenge Competition in April.

SWO Club

This past semester has seen the addition of many clubs focusing on the different naval communities. Ensuring the Surface Warfare community would not be overlooked, MIDN 2/C Susannah Kopp, a particularly SWOtivated individual, has organized and initiated a club for those interested in a careers in surface warfare. Regular meetings will feature guest speakers giving highlights of SWO life. They also plan on touring various ships in neighboring areas that they could be assigned to in the future. The SWO Club even has plans for a formal SWOcial (the date for which

is tentatively set at March 4). Any midshipman considering a career in surface warfare or just wanting to know more about this community is invited to attend.

Club articles written by: MIDN 4/C D. Hendricks
and MIDN 4/C K. Monk

JROTC Drill Meet

The 15th annual Battle of New Orleans JROTC drill meet took place on 14 November 2004, thus continuing the Tulane NROTC tradition of providing an environment to develop military discipline. Schools from Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama, with a total of over 600 cadets, participated in events such as platoon inspection, platoon basic, color guard and physical training. Schools were also able to demonstrate their skills and creativity by creating armed and unarmed exhibition routines at the squad and platoon level. The first, second and third place winners were Pearl River Central, Jesuit and Pace respectively. There was no question after their performances regarding their superb proficiency with drill.



(Jesuit's armed drill team performs for judges.)

The Tulane midshipmen, while preparing for the drill meet, were in charge of designing a new t-shirt to commemorate the event. The shirts were completely different from any previous design. This year, instead of using a generic t-shirt back with school names, a historical map of the Battle of New Orleans depicting troop lines and movements was used. It made the shirt more appropriate for the name of the event for which it was created to commemorate.



(Tabulation team adds up scores for Drill Meet.)

In addition to aiding the development of local JROTC units, the drill meet provided leadership opportunities for Tulane midshipmen as well. The entire drill meet was planned, coordinated and executed by the Tulane midshipmen. The officer and assistant officer



(AOIC and OIC take time out of JROTC DM to smile at the PAO and APAO.)

in charge, MIDN Howard and MIDN Macus, worked diligently to plan and execute the drill meet. Other key personnel that made the drill meet run smoothly were the operations officer, MIDN Hall, and the logistics officer, MIDN Roberts. It is largely due to their efforts that the drill meet was a success. This year's drill meet was one of the smoothest in recent history, due to the effort put forth by all the midshipmen that were involved.

By: MIDN 2/C D. Howard and J. Macus

Senior Social

The seniors and staff members started their semester with the annual senior social. It was sponsored by a Tulane NROTC alumnus who wishes to remain anonymous. The event was held on the top floor of the Windsor Court hotel on October 20, 2004 from 1730-1900. It was an

opportunity to recognize the seniors for their accomplishments thus far, and to wish them luck in the future. There was an open bar and an extensive buffet of hors d'ouvres. According to MIDN Stack, "The food was good, and the open bar with top shelf liquor was fantastic. Everyone present had a blast, and it was nice to have the opportunity to go out with the unit staff." The host also provided everyone with wineglasses that said "Tulane University NROTC 2005" as well as a Tulane NROTC patch of the same design that the event's benefactor was given when he graduated. MIDN Garrow recalled, "Everyone had an absolute riot. The view from the top floor was fantastic and the entire setting was extremely elegant. I know my date and I had a blast and that we thoroughly enjoyed going downtown to Pat O'Brien's with everyone afterwards." As an expression of gratitude, the senior class sent the host a framed picture of them at the party with "Thanks from the Class of 2005" printed on the bottom.

By: MIDN 4/C J. Markham



(Seniors pose at top of Windsor Court.)

September 11th Ceremony

On September 11, 2004, midshipmen and cadets from the Tulane Navy, Air Force, and Army ROTC units joined together in front of the flag on Newcomb Quad in remembrance of the tragedy in 2001. It was a somber and moving ceremony honoring the lives that were lost on that same day three years ago. There was only silence as the National Emblem was raised to half-mast. For the midshipmen and cadets present, the ceremony was also meant to symbolize the American spirit to

overcome such unfortunate and wide-reaching suffering. Hopefully the ceremony will continue for years to come and serve as a reminder of what we are here to protect and why we took the oath.

By: MIDN 4/C K. Bartek



(Midshipmen and Cadets stand at attention while Color Guard prepares to raise flag.)

Halloween PT

This year's Halloween PT consisted of highly energized games of dodge ball among the classes in the Reily Gym. Everyone had a great time letting loose for a fun-filled PT session. The morning concluded with a costume contest, with prizes including large bags of candy. The Best Group Costume went to the "What aren't we?" ensemble, comprising of MIDN 3/C Thomas, Ronksley, and Blanchet, who wore hats and two sheets sewn together. Best Individual Costume went to MIDN 3/C Tim Gressett, the "Ultimate Warrior." It was a hard decision, due to the many varied and interesting costumes created by the midshipmen and staff. LT Brandhuber came dressed as a Safari Guide with her newly-born son outfitted as a giraffe.



(LT Brandhuber poses with Jack the Giraffe.)

Unintentionally, MIDN 1/C Casey Cazes received some competition with the youngster when he came dressed as another safari animal.



(MIDN Cazes has pizzazz as the friendly neighborhood lion.)

Four Marine Option roommates gathered numerous stares as they were dressed as scantily clad construction workers. MIDN 4/C C. Patterson and K. Monk received a lot of laughs when they arrived carrying chairs and dressed in Air Force PT uniforms. The midshipmen look forward to next years PT and to coming up with even more creative costumes.

By: MIDN 4/C S. Monk



(The motivated Chair Force.)

1st Annual Shrimp Boil

This year our unit decided to boost the battalion's morale even more in the fall semester by holding an annual Shrimp Boil. The event took place at the levee behind Audubon Zoo overlooking the Mississippi River. While the event was optional, nearly everyone showed up for at least a short while. This event was intended to be the first chance for the freshmen to become more acquainted

with the upperclassmen in an informal social setting. The freshmen were encouraged to ask the upperclassmen about life in college, ROTC, and their opinion about the Navy life. The upperclassmen shared stories along with do's and don'ts with the freshmen as well.

After the initial setup was completed, the day started out with our local "Cajun Cook," MIDN 1/C Olivier, firing up the boiling pots and cooking our shrimp and fixings.

The unit staff and midshipmen enjoyed an enormous amount of Cajun boiled shrimp, potatoes, mushrooms, onions, and celery along with keg beer and soft drinks. The weather was sunny, warm, and gorgeous. Along with the food and mingling, there was football, volleyball, and frisbee for everyone to partake in.

Towards the end of the event, some other Tulane students had brought a huge plastic tarp with soap and water. The last remaining MIDN, most of who were on clean-up crew, found themselves slipping and sliding down the soapy tarp to cap off a fine day of eating and relaxing. Midshipmen are still telling stories about what took place and everyone is looking forward for the event next year. Because of the huge success of our 1st Annual Shrimp Boil, it is safe to say that there will be a 2nd Annual Shrimp Boil any many more to come.
By: MIDN 1/C J. Olivier and MIDN 2/C A. Cannatella



(Midshipmen peel and eat shrimp at the shrimp boil.)

Farewell LT Brandhuber

LT Bridgette C. Brandhuber hails from Racine, Wisconsin. In 1992, she enrolled in the NROTC program at the University of Rochester, New York where she graduated with a Bachelor of

Science in Mechanical Engineering. After receiving a commission as an Ensign she was ordered to flight school in Pensacola, Florida. Her first station was with the Easyriders of HSL-37 in Barbers Point, Hawaii. Her career has taken her well around the world in addition to accumulating 1100 flight hours. Her awards include two Navy Achievement Medals and a Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle Efficiency, Armed Forces Expeditionary, and Sea Service Ribbons.

These are just a few of her many accomplishments. For the past three years LT Brandhuber has served at Tulane University's NROTC unit as an Assistant Professor of Naval Science where she simultaneously pursued a Masters of Architecture. Her time here proved her an excellent mentor and role model. The Class of 2007 had the great privilege to have her as their advisor and teacher. Part of her excellent teaching technique was her ability to incorporate her own "sea stories" into various lessons, whether in her classroom or in her office. LT Brandhuber was also a guide for the females in the unit. She treated every woman as an individual and helped them develop in their own unique ways. She will be greatly missed, but she is as happy raising a family in Mystic, CT as she was serving in the Navy.



Future Events

- 29Jan Pontchartrain Parade
- 04Feb Mardi Gras Drill Meet
- 04Feb Krewe D'Etat Parade
- 17Feb Terrorism Brief
- 22Feb Battalion Advisor's Inspection
- 24Feb Force Protection Brief
- 25Feb Senior Mess Night
- 04Mar Raiders-Field Exercise I
- 17Mar Operational Sec Brief

02Apr Raiders-Field Exercise II
12Apr Battalion CO's Insp./Drill Comp
14Apr Final PRT/PFT Spring 05
16Apr Crawfish Boil
28Apr Battalion Change of Command/Awards Day
22Apr Farewell Ball
21May Commissioning Ceremony

community, and Tulane alums have gone on to pursue rich, full lives, raising families, starting businesses, and working in virtually every industry. We live in fascinating places, like Acapulco and Hawaii, and we do rewarding things. In short, our alumni are living examples of success and happiness. Here is their story.

Alumni Affairs

The Tulane NROTC Alumni Association has greatly enhanced their website. It is easy to update your bio information and contact other alumnus on-line. You can browse the Association Bylaws and meeting minutes. There is also information about the project to archive the history of the early commissioning classes. The project has now expanded to all commissioning classes. If you would like to submit a class or personal history for the archive, please e-mail it to the NROTC Alumni webmaster, Mike Hallal ('84), at mhallal@bellsouth.net or you can mail a paper copy to the NROTC unit attn: Alumni Archives.

Check out the archive material posted on the website at:
<http://www.tulane.edu/~nrotc/alumni/index.htm>, under the link "Archive Project." Note that the website has moved to a new server. Please save a bookmark to the new web address above.

Tulane Alumni the Past, Present, and Future of Our Navy and Our Country

A "taffrail log" is a long, torpedo-shaped contraption with fins. It is hung over the stern of a ship, where the current causes it to rotate. By observing the dial attached to it, traditional sailors can tell how far they have traveled, and determine their speed. It is this sense of measuring progress that lends the name "Taffrail Log" to the records of what our alumni have done since graduation. This year's Taffrail Log spans over 60 years, with entries dating from the class of 1942 up through the class of 2004.

It is interesting to read through the log, and see the distinction of Tulane University's NROTC graduates. We have officers in every service

The Taffrail Log

Colleen Millegan '04 Administrative Officer on the USS Germantown (LSD-42)

Matthew S. Percy '02 Currently on active duty in Norfolk. ORDO on San Jacinto CG-56.

Chad D. Norris '01 Currently an E-6 Pilot stationed at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, OK

Eric S. Raymond '01 Currently finishing first Division Officer tour aboard USS VICKSBURG (CG 69). Soon to be NAVIGATOR onboard USS SIMPSON (FFG 56), homeport Mayport, Florida. Roll Wave Roll & Best wishes to all those of Class of '01.

Nancy J. (Gaal) Edelen '00 Active Duty Pilot.

John Fournier '00 Just got out in June '04 and moved back home to Maine. Living up in the Western Mountains of Maine teaching French and Spanish at a tiny K-12 school. If any of you are looking for a beautiful place to visit in the summer or go skiing in the winter, come on up to Rangeley. There are only 1,400 people in town so if you ask for John the French teacher, most people can point you in my direction.

Katherine E. (Lehman) Nicksac '00 E-6B NFO. Married in October 2003 to Dan Nicksic.

Patrick T. Haney '99 Active duty Naval Aviator, stationed at NAS North Island.

Timothy Hannen '99 Currently serving as Strike Officer onboard USS PREBLE (DDG 88). Moving to Millington in December for two years for Navy vacation, I mean shore duty.

Stephen M. Hrutka, Jr. '99 Returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom while serving as Fire Control Officer in USS Cape St George (CG-71). Currently seeking

MBA in Finance at University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business under the auspices of the 2002 SWO MBA Program.

Johannes E. Jolly '99 Currently on Active Duty flying F/A-18C with VFA-192 in Atsugi, Japan.

Adam M. King '99 Currently serving as Guard Officer at Camp Schwab. Jul 2001 - Jun 2003, served as 81mm Mortar Platoon Commander in Weapons Company 3d BN 8th MAR. Apr 200 - Jul 2001, served as Rifle Platoon Commander in Kilo Company, 3d BN, 8th MAR.

Amy McGowan '99 Currently serving on active duty in VFA-106 as the east coast's first Super Hornet Supply Officer.

Daniel S. Price '99 Stationed in Okinawa, Japan until June 06. If you're in the West Pacific, drop me a line.

Eric Deussing, MD '98 Went to Tulane Med then did a surgery internship at Bethesda. I am currently a Naval Flight Surgeon with VP-16 based in Jacksonville, FL. I am currently deployed to various points due East. Planning to do ENT residency after flight surgery.

Mark A. Hughes '98 Prior E-6B NFO at VQ3 Tinker AFB. Attended "NFO to PILOT Transition" at Vance AFB.

Jeffrey Millegan '98 I am currently the Acting Regimental Surgeon for the 7th Marines out of wonderful 29 Palms, CA. I spent 7 months in Iraq with 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines on the border of Syria and Iraq. STILL married to the beautiful My Thanh Kim and we are currently expecting our first baby.

Douglas E. Pittner '98 Resident in orthopedic surgery at Ohio State University.

Kimberley Johnson '97 Serving as the Adjutant for the 11th MEU.

Shea Thorvaldsen '97 Left active duty in 2001 for the Engineering world. Now a waterfront and underwater engineer qualifying as a commercial diver in the NYC area.

John R. Carnahan '96 I left active duty in 2001 after

serving as a Surface Warfare Officer onboard the USS LABOON (DDG 58). I attended the University of Illinois at Springfield to earn my teaching certificate in physics and mathematics. I am in my second year of teaching physics at Alonzo High School in Tampa, Florida.

Steven M. Dematteo '96 CH-53E pilot, USMC. Formerly stationed at MCAS Miramar for 4 years with combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq (OIF 1). Currently serving as the first MOI at the University of South Florida and getting my MBA. Still keep in touch with Jonathan Berry, Christian Stover, Dominic Taverniti, Mike Roach, Manlee Herrington, old timer Dirk Hebert and a few others. Married to a beautiful lady and we have a new, adorable little boy.

James O. Dewey '96 I am currently stationed at Parris Island. I left the Corps in July of 04 to attend Beeson Divinity School to get my masters in divinity. Lord willing from there I will put on a Navy uniform as a Chaplain.

Michael J. Roach '96 Deployed with 11th Marines during OIF.

Peter J. Cates '95 Currently working as a structural designer of light-frame wood construction in Davis, CA and looking to take the professional engineering exam in April '04.

James E. Kokoszynski '95 I just returned from a 9 month tour in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as the Current Operations Officer after being involuntarily recalled out of the IRR last December. I live in the Hudson Valley area of NY with my wife Stacy. I am a Program Manager at IBM and will be completing my MBA from Rensselaer Polytech in May. IBM was fully supportive while I was deployed.

Russell S. Pomarico '95 Left active duty in 2000 for a career in commercial aviation with a brief stop in corporate america at General Electric. Flew the Candair Regional Jet for United Express until May 2003, then furloughed. Hired by Delta Airlines in May 2003 and currently flying for their wholly owned subsidiary in the Delta Connection system in the CRJ.

Donald C. Tyer '95 Put on 04 this past August.

Living in beautiful Hawaii and working as the Supply Officer onboard USS O'KANE (DDG 77). Will transfer to Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA next summer, but before then I will get the pleasure of deploying again to the Gulf in Jan 05.

Katie L. McSheffrey '94 Principal illustrator for Gunther and Sons Illustration. Raising two boys (2 1/2 yrs and 1) and enjoying sunny Miami.

Anne-Marie Ewing Theriot '94 Recalled to active duty in Feb 03 at Camp Pendleton, Ca. Ty and I have 2 children ages 4 and 20 months and we are expecting our third child in Aug 03.

Andrew H. Jordan '91 Left the military after serving flying with VP-1 Barbers Point HI / Whidbey Island WA 1994-1998 and Naval Weapons Test Squadron Pt. Mugu CA. 1998-2000. Currently flying as a First Officer Southwest Airlines based out of Oakland CA.

Erick B. Cushman '89 11 years Active Duty submarine service; drilling Reservist since 2000. Done some great AT's in Naples, Italy and Yokosuka, Japan supporting submarine exercises! Married to Patti (Magenheimer), Tulane Engineering class of 1991 since 1992. Three wonderful kids, Megan, Matthew, and Michael - 6.5, 5, and 1. Working at Electric Boat in Groton, CT as an Engineering Specialist and Team Leader.

Elizabeth Severs Campbell '88 After serving as an Undersea Surveillance Watch Officer in Adak, AK, and in Norfolk, VA. And as an Enlisted Programs Officer at the Naval Recruiting District, Los Angeles, I got out of the Navy in 1995. I married a former Navy Nuc and I now stay home with our 4 kids: Emily - 8; Andrew - 7; Sam - 3; and Paul - 2 months. We live in Slidell, LA.

Jeffrey T. Maher '88 Flew the SH-2F with HSL-33 at North Island, CA from '90-'93. Served as Instructor Pilot with VT-27 in Corpus Christi, TX flying the T-34C from '94-'96. Left Active Duty. Currently flying the MH-53E as a Selected Reserve Pilot with HM-15 in Corpus Christi.

William F. Lussier '87 Currently working as a systems engineer and Asst Program Manager at L-3 ComCept in Alexandria, VA. Still and active

reservist drilling with the NETWORK WARFARE COMMAND out of NAB Little Creek, VA.

Kevin P. Mahne '86 I graduated from The Army Judge Advocate General's School in May 2002 with an LLM in International and Operational Law. Following school I was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans. Currently I am the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for Marine Forces Reserve.

Michael D. Malarkey '85 Working at the Port Hueneme Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center as the Land Attack Department Fleet Support Team Leader. Just completed three years of Government Service, but have worked in or with the Navy since arriving in New Orleans in 1981.

Timothy W. Dorsey '84 CDR USNR, recalled to active duty during 2001-2003 as counterintelligence officer. Got the Iraq and Kuwait t-shirts. Relinquishing command of counterintelligence unit in OCT03. Assumed command of SPECWAR INTEL unit in OCT03.

William R. N. Howell, Jr. '84 Retired as CDR from Active Duty 1 October 2004. Living in Alaska.

Lois Stark Pena '83 Married with 2 girls and run 2 small businesses.

Robert J. Vince '83 On October 30, 2003, Commander Vince became the first Commanding Officer of the Program Management Office Strategic Systems Program Shipboard Systems. Bob & Charmie live in Dalton, MA with their three children, Charmi Ellaine (eleven), Tommy (eight) and Serena (six).

Brian T. Looney '82 Retired in January 2003 after 20.5 years in this great Navy of ours. Will be taking a year off while the active duty CDR Looney lets me find myself. Plan is to attend the Pensacola Junior College Culinary Arts Program.

Stephen W. Jordon '81 Currently serving as the US Naval Delegation to the NATO Standardization Agency in Brussels, Belgium. Recent tours include: Air Boss, USS Peleliu (LHA 5); CO HSL-43 NAS North Island CA.

Dirk P. Hebert '77 Currently Officer-in-Charge of

NJROTC Area 7 in Orlando FL.

Michael C. Huete '76 Retired from active service on July 1, 1998 Accepted employment as a Systems Engineer with Anteon Systems Engineering Group in Crystal City, VA, where he is now a Program Manager. Married to the former Janice Sue Engstrom of Cambridge, Illinois, with three children children, Kristen, James, and Patricia.

Emmett "Pete" Schlumbrecht, Jr. '76 Retired from the Navy in 1997. Currently working for Dell Inc. in Austin, TX as a Program Manager for desktop systems. Like coming in for the homecoming games when I can.

Antoine S. Madere, Jr. '74 Computer Programmer/Analyst with Union National Life Insurance Company.

John Marke '74 Accepted a position as Senior Manager with the National Enterprise Risk Practice at Deloitte-Touche, where he will lead consulting engagements around regulatory compliance.

William F. Font, Jr. '66 Currently a faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, Louisiana .

Robert T. "Tim" France '66 Retired as a Captain from 27 years of active duty in 1993. Navy career in submarines, including service on 5 submarines. Served as Commanding Officer of USS Francis Scott Key (SSBN 657)(GOLD) from 1985 to 1988. Also served as Chief of Staff of Naval Base Charleston, the Navy's 3rd largest base at the time. Currently working as a programmer in the Information Technology Department at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Michael P. Redington '66 Naval aviator, A-4 Skyhawk; 2 years "in-country" in Vietnam, Priority on POW Intel. Eight years active duty. 18 years in Naval Reserve. Retired as a Captain.

Robert S. Watkins '62 I am still working (and enjoying every minute of it) as the Chief of a large Department of Justice Trial Section that litigates cases throughout the Western Region of the United

States, including Hawaii, Guam, and Alaska.

D. B. H. Chaffe, III '55 December 1982 to Present: President and Chief Executive Officer; Chaffe & Associates, Inc., Investment Bankers.

Charles E. Zamzow '55 Retired from Northrop Corp.

Floyd W. Lewis '45 Graduated Tulane with BBA in Feb-1945. War was over by the time I headed to the Pacific. I came home in mid-1946 and entered Tulane Law School; grad. '49. Career in utility business: New Orleans Public Service, Arkansas Power and Light, Louisiana Power and Light, Middle South Utilities (now Entergy) where I was CEO for 13 years. Retired in 1985, following quintuple by-pass surgery. Served 15 years on Tulane Board. Married to my wife of 54 years, Jimmie. Six children, 15 grandchildren 2 great grandchildren. Hobby:travel, visited all 50 states and more than 65 countries.

R. Curtis Fitzgerald '42 I am living in Acapulco, Mexico as I have for several years. Still fishing but not as much as I used to do. The old body can't handle those big fish like it did in the past.

Frederick S. Frederickson, Jr. '42 Served in WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam. Retired as LCDR, EDO. Worked at Avondale Shipyards as project manager for 31 years.

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