



TULANE NAVAL ROTC

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

“From the corner of Freret and McAlister, Tulane Women to the fleet since 1977.”



Lida Pardue Cooper (2004)

Past Commanding Officer of the USS Thunderbolt which patrols the Arabian Gulf. Lida will soon graduate Naval War College adding National Security and Strategic Studies to her

Tulane MS in International Development. Shown here with fellow ship commanders in Bahrain, her next assignment is Executive Officer Assault Craft Unit 5.



Erin Chandler (2018)

The naval nuclear program is widely acknowledged

as having the most demanding academic program in the U.S. military. Erin is our first woman accepted and matriculated through this post graduate program. She is now at sea on board a ballistic missile submarine.



Linda Schvehla Kelley (1977)

The first woman to graduate Tulane NROTC, Linda said service was a natural choice, as her mother had served in WWII. Linda worked at the Pentagon and the Amphibious School, Virginia Beach, Va. Her responsibilities included curriculum and

instructional standards, a background she leveraged to a Masters Degree and civilian work at the university level. Humorously, Linda recalls that early women's NROTC uniforms were starched and ironed with removable buttons that could pop off unexpectedly. The frumpy uniforms were replaced as years went by. Currently an author, Linda writes science fiction including the "Rimrider Adventure Series."



Katie Jacobsen (2004)

In the Pacific, Katie was the combat systems officer on the guided missile destroyer USS

Preble. Following a research fellowship at RAND Corporation, Katie moved to Washington, DC as Congressional Liaison, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.



Nora Huete (1980)

Our first woman Marine graduate, Nora served 22 years with duty stations around the world before retiring as a Lt. Colonel in 2002. Nora thoroughly enjoyed her Marine Corps years. Our first woman Marine Corp Officer was also the first woman Commanding Officer of the Defense Logistics Agency depot in Albany, Ga.

Since 1938, Tulane Naval ROTC has commissioned over 2000 Navy and Marine Corps Officers including eleven Admirals and two Marine Corp Generals, notably General David Berger (81) the current Commandant, USMC. Over 150 of Tulane's Naval ROTC graduates serve today, on ships, in submarines, as aviators and as Marines in critical positions around the world.