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NROTC and the NAVY

By Capt. Robert Rowe USN RET.

Upon first taking our oath as Midshipman of the NROTC, we formed an association with one of our nation's oldest institutions - The Navy. John Adams over two hundred years ago stated, "A Naval power...is the natural defense of the United States." This is equally true in today's high technology world. One has only to look at the ballistic-missile submarines - POLARIS, POSEIDON, and now TRIDENT - our nation's first line strategic striking force; or the many nuclear surface ships; or the latest Attack Carrier Striking Force crammed with esoteric electronics and computers in both its ships and its offensive striking power of the latest jet aircraft; or the Marines with MIFASS, MULE, Hellfire, Lser Maverick, Dragon, TOW, TAB, the CH53E, and LAV-25 extending automation, lasers, new mobility, and counterbattery radar to the battlefield.

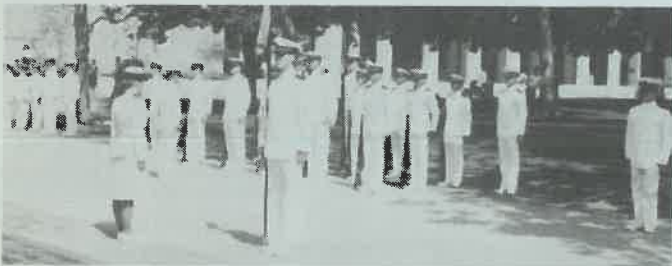
All of us, be we a membr of the first class or the class of 1987 finishing our first summer cruise, had little understanding of where we would fit into the Navy. This is natural for a host of reasons: most of us just did not know that much about the Navy or the Marines; the wide scope of talents needed to man the Naval Service today is not comprehended; the variety of opportunities open to each NROTC graduate is literally staggering; the size of today's Navy and Marine Corps means that the traditional source of the Navy's leadership, the Naval Academy, cannot meet the total requirements for junior officers; and the need for a strong, dedicated Naval Reserve is just as important today as it was when USC joined the Naval ROTC program with its first class in September of 1940.

Today about 54 percent of junior officers must come from the Naval ROTC. Remember the glory of the day when we took our commissioning oath and proudly wore the stripe of an Ensign or the shiny gold bar of a 2nd Lietutenant? Our new association was a two way street. The Navy expected big things from us. Simultaneously, we expected the Navy to provide us with adventure, provide us with a taste of the lure of the sea, and provide us a chance to grow with experience that would serve us in many ways. Experience to translate in a civilian pursuit, experience to grow in the Navy, and most of all enjoy our life with the Navy be it as a career, minimum service, or a life long association with the Naval Reserve.

From my perspective of 30 years commissioned service as a regular officer, I unreservedly believe the Navy more than fulfills its responsibilities to its NROTC graduates. With equal unreservedly beliefs, our graduates have fulfilled their responsibilities as evidenced by the many stars, eagles, silver leafs and two bars worn on the shoulders of USC NROTC graduates be they in the Navy or its Marine Corps or the many leaders in industry, the political or academic world.

Adventure and satisfying the siren lure of the sea was more than fulfilled for each of us. It is equally true each of us has literally hundreds of sea stories to share with an Alumni just as fascinated with the Navy and Marine Corps as the day we first wore the stripe of an Ensign or that golden bar of a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

For the future, we will try to include as many of our sea stories to share with each of you as space permits and you are willing to share with us by sending your rich tales of the sea service to me. This doesn't have to be long winded; a page or two at the most will do. And most important, these do not have to be polished professionally written stories. Most of us are not professional writers - so what - its your story that is important. Send it to me at USC NROTC - Alumni League, University of So. California, Los Angeles, California 90089-0654.



40th REUNION OFFICERS



Bill Stevens, Bob Stevens, Art Millbern, John Franklin



USC NAVAL ROTC UNIT FORMATION

I would like to express my admiration and pleasure in seeing how the USC Naval ROTC Alumni League has formed and grown these past months. The idea to create such an organization is a good one, and, it seems to me, a logical one. I have been very impressed with the spirit and strong motivation I have seen, but perhaps I should not be surprised. I guess such stuff comes from those who are members of the naval community and the Trojan family.

I hope our present midshipmen, my staff and I can participate with you as your ranks continue to grow and you locate former comrades. Let us know how we can help. At the same time, we want to let you know that your help is welcomed here. Your embryonic organization has already provided a beautiful award, offered invaluable assistance to our sailing program, and presented a timely monetary gift to our midshipman battalion. Because some midshipmen can't get other financial assistance and have to seek employment, studies can suffer. Therefore, there always is a need by someone for that sort of help whether he has a scholarship or not.

Good luck to you as you close ranks and form what is turning into what appears to be the first such successful organization in the nation. My guess is that others will want to copy your model. Finally, please know that you are always welcome to come back to visit your unit. We're still at the same location. Go Trojan Navy!

Col. C. J. Horn, USMC
C.O. USC NROTC Unit

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ALUMNI DINNER - 1982

40TH REUNION FOR CLASSES 42-46 HELD MARCH 15-16-17, 1984

The classes of 1942-46 held a very successful reunion at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Long Beach. Shipmates gathered from all over the world to celebrat their 40th Anniversary. George Hull arrived from Saudi Arabia, Bill Wilder from Tahiti and Norm Dahl from London, England. Attendance was 300

It was enjoyable to see all the old familiar faces at one big event, one more time. There was great enthusiasm for each planned event. The memorabilia room was loaded with everything from pictures to movies to old uniforms. Thanks to Bill Stevens and Dick Dixon this gathering place for shipmates turned out to be a real highlight of the reunion.

Bob Stevens with the help of Col. C. J. Horn arranged our Fridaynight visit to Allen Center. That turned out to be a fun night to remember.

John Franklin arranged for the training ship "Cyane" to be available dock side all day Saturday. Many of our shipmates and their wives took a one hour cruise around the oil islands and the Queen Mary. Lt. Galvin and his able midshipmen crewed the "Cyane" while older shipmates smelled the salt air, told sea stories, and reminisced.

Art Millbern and Bob Stevens presented the Saturday night program which included the drill team of midshipmen and the never to be forgotten 1944 drill team. Gerry Borch stood tall between his two smaller shipmates Bill Barker and Joe Wolf.

Bud Curtis was given the trophy as the best driller. Tony Nizetich said it was a put up job because Bud was a Marine.

Sunday morning we had a great brunch. George Stone and Carl Crandall took the tickets and money for 171 brunches - and then it was goodbye and farewell until next time. What do you say guys?

By Art Millbern



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Greeting
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Art
Receives
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Sword
After
40 Years



EDITORIAL - ALUMNI LEAGUE

NROTC ALUMNI SAILING COMPANY

There is a tide in the affairs of men when it does seem that ideas come into their time. While the U.S. Navy was adopting a policy requiring all newly commissioned naval officers to be qualified in sailboats and the U.S. Navy was growing to a size that the major source of new officers is Naval ROTC units at major universities around the nation, John Franklin, George Stone, Bob Stevens, Bud Curtis, Dick Dixon, Art Millbern and others were busy organizing the Alumni League for the NROTC at USC.

It just happens that some of us have sail boats and that Walter Hoffman is very involved in the navy sailing program at Annapolis. Thus it was logical that we organize a sailing club within the structure of the NROTC Alumni League to assist the unit in its efforts to qualify the midshipmen of the unit on sailboats. The NROTC unit has a fifty foot ketch which enjoys the status of being a "commissioned naval vessel." This boat, the CYANE, is used for weekend training cruises and, in the summer, for some of the midshipmen to utilize for their summer cruises.

In addition, some of us have offered our own boats to augment the program, and intend to devote a weekend a month during the next academic year for training and experience for the midshipmen. We are now in the process of qualifying alumni members as Navy Sailing Coaches. So far only Dick Dixon and Bill Stevens have so qualified. Sailing coaches will act as Officers in Charge on midshipmen cruises aboard the CYANE as well as instructors in practical sailing, coastal navigation and seamanship.

George Azadian, Charlie Repp, Dick Dixon, Bill Stevens, Bob Mahan, and Walter Hoffman have offered to use their boats in the program. Meanwhile John Franklin, George Stone, Art Milburn, and Bob Rowe are also active in the sailing program. We need more boats and more coaches. Anyone interested call Bill Stevens at (213) 375-5228 or Dick Dixon at (818) 244-9314

By Bill Stevens

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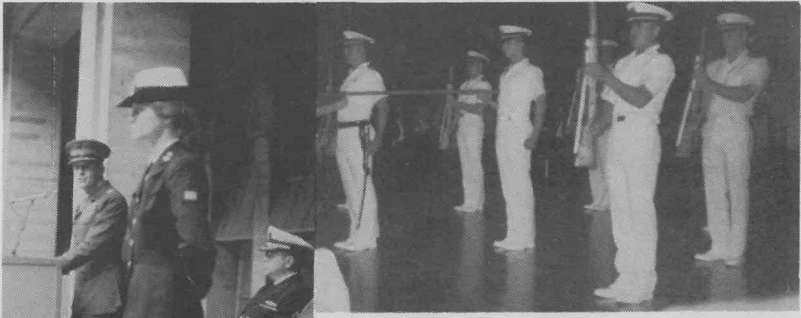
This sailing group has held several social affairs including sailing, barbecue, garden party, and a July 4 rafting party. A new program is being planned for 1985.



After A Hard Day Of Sailing



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C. J. Horn USC
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CAPT.
W. CARSON
UCLA Drill
Team Cup



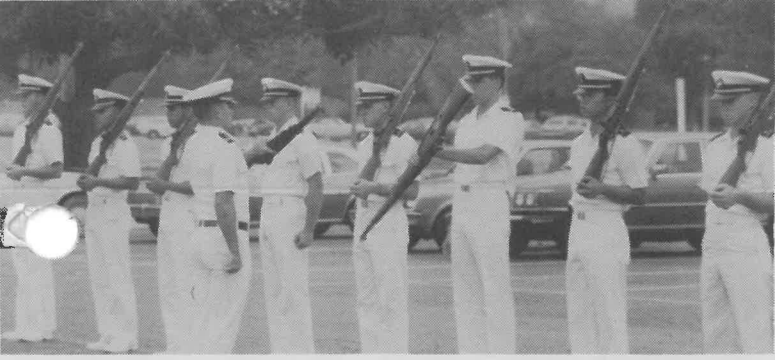
Chapman Cox, Asst. Secretary of Navy Top Right



Admiral Steven White, Chief of Material Top Left - Center

PROMINENT NROTC ALUMNI RETURN TO USC CAMPUS

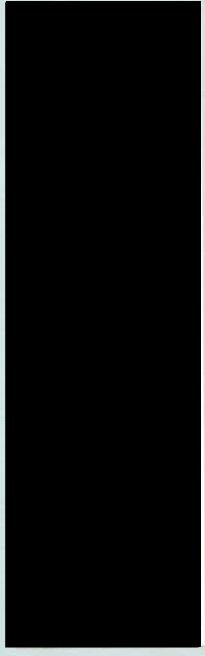
Chapman Cox, Asst. Secretary of the Navy, class of 1962, and Admiral Stephen White, class of 1958, returned to campus as Reviewing Officers of the NROTC Pass in Review and Awards ceremony. A reception was held in their honor. These alumni have been very supportive of the Alumni League.



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Founding this Navy Alumni Group is a milestone of achievement for USC NROTC GRADUATES. We believe it will be the first full program organization of its kind in the United States. As former USC Naval ROTC midshipmen, we have enjoyed varied experiences, accomplishments and comradeship that few have had the pleasure to obtain throughout their lives.

It is necessary to keep an **updated membership list** in order to maintain our status on the campus at USC. It is hoped all graduation classes will join in the same spirit as the 1942-46 classes with their own class groups. Please join us by **becoming a supporting member by donating \$15.00** to help cover costs for our selected programs.

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