



Marquette NROTC Alumni & Friends Association Summer 2019 Newsletter

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NROTC UNIT COMMISSIONS 12 NEW OFFICERS AT OLD GYM 18 MAY 2019

With inclement weather in the forecast, the Marquette NROTC Battalion held its 2019 commissioning ceremony the morning of Saturday, 18 May 2019, in the Old Gym adjacent to the NROTC Unit. Unit Commanding Officer Captain Matthew Vandersluis, USN, presided, wishing the new officers fair winds and following seas. Relatives of graduates, most with military experience, stepped forward to put ten Navy Ensign and two USMC 2ndLt insignia on the uniforms of the graduates. The ceremony was followed by refreshments at the NROTC Unit.



Midshipman Donovan Lyon of Wauwatosa, WI was honored as the top graduating senior at the Spring Ball. Captain Vandersluis presented him with a Navy officer's sword on behalf of the Seapower Leadership Association. Upon commissioning Lyon was selected to be a Nuclear Surface Warfare officer and is assigned to the USS Ross (DDG 71) out of Rota Spain.

Lyon wrote: "I was very honored to receive such an incredible award. You (alumni) all do so much for this unit which allows us to become better midshipmen and ultimately better Navy and Marine Corps officers. Throughout my years at Marquette, I have been able to enjoy drill competitions, leadership conferences and other opportunities that you have helped us fund. Your contributions have certainly not gone unnoticed. The sword will always remind me of the unit I have come to call home here at Marquette."

A dozen NROTC midshipmen, ten Navy and two Marines, were commissioned in a ceremony at the Old Gym on Saturday, 18 May 2019. Eleven were Marquette students, and one graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE). **Back row (left to right):** Ensign Zachary Loyal **Pederson**, USN, B.S. Mechanical Engineering, to Flight School in Pensacola, FL; Ensign Aaron **Grube**, USN, B.S. Mathematics, to Flight School, Pensacola, FL; Ensign David Gordon **Sauer**, USN, B.S. Construction Engineering and Management, to Flight School, Pensacola, FL; Ensign Erik James **Walinder**, USN, B.S. Applied Mathematical Economics, to Flight School, Pensacola, FL; Ensign Donovan Peter **Lyon**, USN, B.S. in Biomedical Services, to the USS Ross in Rota, Spain.

Front row (left to right): Second Lieutenant Nathan James **Marquette**, USMC, B.S. Mechanical Engineering from MSOE, to The Basic School, Quantico, VA; Ensign Taylor Robert **Boeckmann**, USN, B.S. Civil & Environmental Engineering and B.A. Arabic, to the USS Sampson in Everett, WA; Ensign Faith **Bieschke**, USN, B.A. in International Affairs, to Flight School, Pensacola, FL; Ensign Kaitlyn **Liebing**, USN, B.S. Nursing, to Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA; Ensign Audra Rose **Perrizo**, USN, B.S. Nursing, to Walter Reed National Medical Center, Bethesda, MD; Ensign Kenneth Matthew **Piasecki**, USN, B.S. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, to Navy Nuclear Power School, Charleston, SC; and Second Lieutenant Steven Paul **Lewis**, USMC, B.S. Environmental Engineering, to The Basic School, Quantico, VA. Not pictured, but also member of the MU NROTC Class of 2019: MIDN Madison **Abell**, who graduated from Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA on August 17th and was commissioned as a 2ndLt in the USMC the same day. See photos on page 11.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MU NROTC ALUMNI

Greetings again to the alumni of the Marquette NROTC program, now in its 79th year! I'm pleased to report, after serving a year as President and Chairman of the Alumni & Friends Association (A&FA), that we continue to be in good shape. But our ambitions cause us to stretch to meet our goals, focused in three areas:

- Outreach to alumni to increase involvement with supporting the Unit and Naval Services.
- Increasing our membership, to the same end.
- Maintaining and improving our financial health, efficiency of operations and support of the midshipmen.

We're on our way to the "Big Time." We have gradually become a national organization, with a number of officers and directors, like our membership, residing outside of the Milwaukee area. We're using technology to close the geographic divide.

We continue to position for the future. A prime example has been the successful adoption of professional membership management system, "Wild Apricot", which is helping us transition to the next level. But to take maximum advantage of its functionality, we also need increased active membership, coordinated by Class Reps. We have no Class Reps for the following years: 54, 56, 57, 71, 73, 75, 77, 81, 82, 86, 87, 88, 89, 94, 95, 97, 98, 2000, 04, 05 and 06.

Please consider stepping up and leading your class to reap the considerable benefits and value of membership:

- Carrying on the history and traditions of the Unit and Naval Services.
- Supporting Midshipman development, primarily through the Seapower Leadership Association (SLA.)
- Partaking in social opportunities and professional networking with former and retired Naval Services officers.

We invite you to visit us on social media for news and great sources to reconnect and network:

Website: <https://www.marquette-nrotc-alumni.org>

Facebook: Marquette NROTC Alum Association

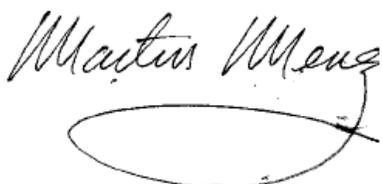
LinkedIn: Marquette NROTC Alum Association

Instagram: @mu_navy_rotc_alumni

Twitter: @MU NROTC Alumni

In this newsletter is a membership renewal application form. The Board decided not to raise dues: they remain at only \$20 a year. Be part of a really great organization!

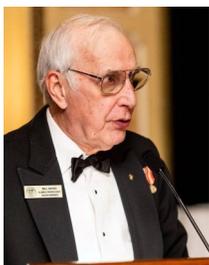
We hope to see you at our annual meeting and open house the morning of Saturday, 5 October 2019 at the Unit. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any suggestions, recommendations, or can support your alumni association through helping lead and manage the A&FA. It is not a great time commitment, but it pays large dividends in the development of our midshipmen, and extends your service to them, to our Navy and Marine Corps, and to our nation.



Martin Menez, Captain, USN (Ret)

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MU NROTC 2019 ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE IS 30 AUGUST



Your Alumni & Friends Association, Inc. supports the MU NROTC Unit and its alumni in several important ways. One of those efforts has lasting value to alumni: the selection of an Alumnus of the Year, usually based on a full military career; and a Young Alumnus of the Year, recognizing service during the first 10 years of a career. Plaques listing these awardees are conspicuously mounted on Unit bulkheads.

If you know of an alum or classmate that you consider to be worthy of one of these awards, now is the time to submit. Our 2019 deadline has been extended, and now nominations are due by 30 August, 2019 for this year's competition. Please send them electronically to munrotcalumni@gmail.com or mail them to A&FA at the NROTC Unit. Nomination forms and guidelines are available on our web site. If you have questions about the awards program, contact me at:

billgt6@hotmail.com, or (262) 367-2019. – Bill Hayes '62

2018 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR INCLUDE UNIT'S FIRST FEMALE HONOREE

Two Marquette NROTC graduates were honored as 2018 Alumni of the Year at the Unit's Naval Services Ball at the Wisconsin Club on 9 November 2018. A full house of midshipmen and dates, staff, alumni, spouses and friends applauded as the honorees accepted their awards, and delivered their acceptance speeches.

COLONEL CHERYL BLACKSTONE, USMC: 2018 Alumna of the Year

Colonel Cheryl Blackstone, USMC, Class of 1990, was named 2018 Alumna of the Year, the first woman to receive this award. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and was commissioned a 2ndLT in the Marine Corps in spring of 1990. After Basic School in Quantico, VA, she served as a platoon commander in the 8th Communication Battalion at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

As a reservist at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, SC she was a special projects officer in academics, also earning a Master of Arts degree in Education at the University of South Carolina. In the late 1990s she was Commanding Officer in the 4th Marine Logistics Group. She became Officer in Charge of a tank company at Eastover, SC, and also taught at a Richland County school, launching a transition program for at-risk high school students. In Hickory, NC in 2001, Blackstone was on the staff of Fourth Maintenance Battalion, Fourth Marine Logistics Group, while also teaching.

Back on active duty in 2006, again at Parris Island, SC, Blackstone led a complete revision of the Recruit Training Program. Late in 2006 she reported to HQMC in Washington, DC as Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics. When that position became a civilian post, she filled it as a civil servant. She then became Deputy Director of the reserve detachment at Quantico, VA. She earned an M.S. degree in National Resourcing Strategy at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 2012. Back on active duty in 2014, she built programs to support Marines and deal with modern challenges, a job she still holds in the Office of Director, Marine Corps Staff. As a civilian she leads a section of the Marine Corps Installations and Logistics Department.

Colonel Blackstone designed the current MU NROTC logo and has spoken at MU midshipmen events. She lives with her husband, a Naval Academy graduate, in Bristow, VA. Her awards include the Legion of Merit, Joint Service Achievement Medal and Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



Colonel Cheryl Blackstone, USMC, receives her 2018 Alumna of the Year Award

CAPTAIN ROBERT BUSALACCHI, USMC: 2018 Young Alumnus of the Year

Captain Robert Busalacchi, USMC, Class of 2010, received a B.A. degree in International Affairs and was commissioned a 2ndLT in the U.S. Marine Corps. He married Mackenzie Hickman, MU class of 2009, and completed Marine Corps Basic School in 2011.

His first assignment was Commander, Mobility/Counter Mobility Platoon at Camp Delmar, Camp Pendleton, CA. He completed OJT, and was an honor graduate of Assault Amphibian Vehicle School. He then became a platoon commander in H&S company, 3rd Amphibian Battalion. He was transferred to Platoon Commander, Company B of the same unit and took part in Exercise Pacific Horizon 2012. Another transfer led to his being Platoon Commander, Company C, and he deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

In 2013 he was attached to BLT 2/5, commanding an amphibious assault vehicle platoon with 21 vehicles and 55 – 75 men. At Camp Butler he trained Marines destined for Afghanistan, including Exercise Sang Yong 14, then redeployed to Twentynine Palms, CA with the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command. He taught Marine companies the application of live fire Integrated Training Exercises. This program trained 78,000 Marines and produced 19 live fire instructors-controllers. Busalacchi supported 168 live fire evolutions.

As instructor/trainer, Busalacchi developed and certified officers and NCOs in order to qualify them as instructors. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Award, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Service Deployment Ribbon.

Captain Busalacchi has been Class Representative for the Class of 2010 since 2013, and has mentored Marquette alumni. He is currently enrolled in graduate school at UCLA.



Captain Robert Busalacchi, USMC, is presented with his 2018 Young Alumnus of the Year plaque.

RICHARD LEINENKUGEL, NROTC Class of 1980 - BUS AD COLLEGE *Alumnus of the Year 2019*

The Marquette College of Business Administration named Richard "Dick" Leinenkugel, class of 1980, its 2019 "Alumnus of the Year." Leinenkugel was cited for his military, business, state government, veteran and civic leadership achievements.

Leinenkugel was salutatorian of his Chippewa Falls, WI high school in 1976, where he was active in debate, forensics and student council. He was awarded full scholarships for Army and Navy ROTC, choosing NROTC at Marquette. As a Marine Corps Option midshipman, he took part in drill and tactics teams and Semper Fidelis Society. In his final year he was on the Battalion Staff, and was a company commander his final semester. He was recognized by NROTC for outstanding achievements in "Overall Scholarship" in May 1979 and "Overall Academic Excellence" in April 1980. He graduated MU in 1980 with a Business Administration B.S. degree in Marketing, and was commissioned a Marine Corps Second Lieutenant.

Completing The Basic School in Quantico, VA, and Ground Supply Officers School at Camp Lejeune, NC, Leinenkugel served at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station in Hawaii from 1981 to 1984. This included two deployments in the Western Pacific with the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit Service Support Group 37 in the Philippines, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Korea; and in the Indian Ocean at Oman and Somalia. In early 1981, Leinenkugel was appointed Assistant Supply Officer for the 1st Marine Brigade Service Support Group. He was then assigned as Supply Officer for Marine Amphibious Service Support Group 37, after which he returned to Hawaii as Officer in Charge of the Maintenance Float at Kaneohe, where he left active duty as a Captain in May 1984. Dick is an MU NROTC Alumni & Friends Association member and 1980 Class Representative, attending and providing refreshments for Unit events.

As a civilian, Leinenkugel joined Kemper Sports Management of Northbrook, IL, becoming Tournament Director for the LPGA Women's Kemper Open in Hawaii. In 1987 he joined his family business, the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company in Chippewa Falls, WI as District Manager, then Chain Account Manager and VP, Sales and Marketing. The company operated then only in WI, MN and IL. Chicago sales doubled in 1987. The next year Miller Brewing Company acquired Leinenkugel Brewing. Miller allowed Leinenkugel brothers Dick and Jake to brew and sell their products in entrepreneurial fashion, but opened Leinenkugel to all markets served by Miller. Sales units were united in 1991, and he began selling Miller as well as Leinenkugel brands.

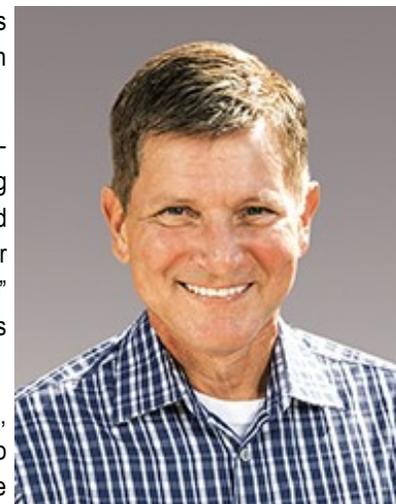
Richard was Leinenkugel Brewing's chief marketing and sales officer from 1997 to 2008, helping the Leinenkugel brand grow from 80,000 to 500,000 barrels. To meet demand, Leinenkugel Brewery added a second shift in Chippewa Falls and expanded facilities, tripling employment at its 10th Street Brewery in Milwaukee. Richard oversaw creation of Leinie Lodge, Chippewa Valley's top tourist attraction. He led marketing efforts for new products, including the "Big Eddy" series, Honey Weiss, Berry Weiss and Summer Shandy, which initially outsold production capacity.

In 2010 Dick became president of Leinenkugel Brewing. In 2017 he led a \$50 million expansion of the firm's Milwaukee brewery, adding 65 employees and raising capacity by 900%. Since then he has led the continued growth of Leinenkugel, with sales now in all 50 states.

Dick served as Wisconsin State Commerce Secretary from 2008 through 2010, leading 400 employees during the "Great Recession" business downturn. Against the economic headwinds of the "Great Recession", highlights of his tenure include expansion of Oshkosh Corp., growth in biotechnology and nanotechnology, making Milwaukee a water technology leader, tax credit consolidation, dairy and meat processing tax credits and retention in Wisconsin of Mercury Marine, Inc., which had planned to move to Oklahoma. After an unsuccessful run for a Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate in 2010, Leinenkugel served as Executive Director of the Vilas County Economic Development Corp., and as a Board Member of that organization until December, 2015. He is or was a member of the Board of Directors of United Way of Greater Chippewa Valley, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Inc. and Saint Archer Brewing Co.

Leinenkugel is active in supporting U.S. military veterans. His veterans leadership activities include:

- MillerCoors Veterans Employee Resource Group, national executive sponsor
- Board of Fischer House of Wisconsin for veterans under treatment, and their families
- "Miller Unsung Heroes Award" inaugural selection committee member
- Established veteran hiring program at MillerCoors Milwaukee brewery
- Speaker at Veteran Jobs Mission and Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce
- Recognized veterans "Honoring Those Who Serve" display at Leinie Lodge, Chippewa Falls, WI
- "Stars and Stripes Honor Flight" fundraising and trip guardian to Washington, DC memorials



Richard (Dick) Leinenkugel

STRONG SLA SUPPORT POWERS MANY MIDSHIPMAN ACTIVITIES

To all the friends & fellow Marquette NROTC Alumni, Semper Fidelis!

This, as we know, means “always faithful” and serves as the motto of the Marine Corps. It also seemingly serves as the feeling hundreds of us have had over the years in giving back to the NROTC. To stay with the Latin: *Gratias*. Thank you very, very much! And thank you in advance for continuing your support. This last year has been very rewarding for the Association, as we were able to support a plethora of events for the midshipmen and staff at Marquette.

Gladly, we once again supported the attendance of various midshipmen at the Naval Academy, University of Notre Dame & George Washington University Leadership conferences. From experience, I know these are great events for those who attend as well as the remainder of the Battalion as they bring back those lessons learned. This year, the staff and students sought other venues as well and sent a handful of students to the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference and another for Women in the Naval Service. I feel this is a great example of what we can do to enable creativity between the unit and its alumni.

Those who go to work every day at the Old Gym in uniform will never solicit funds from us. But I'm happy they don't need to shut down new ideas with an immediate “We can't afford that.” This is due to your financial support – THANK YOU! We also supported a few motivated Midshipmen for an EOD/SEAL training exposure course and awarded MIDN (now Ensign) Donovan Lyon a Navy Officer's sword package as the Top URL graduate for the year. A great year. I cannot say thank you enough.

Speaking of financial support – I must report a slight misstep I made as your SLA President. A few years back, we moved to a capital redistribution model wherein the SLA moves funds to a special category within the Marquette University Advancement coffers that is strictly for use by the Naval Science Department. This is the method the Unit uses to support the events I wrote about above, and it has worked fine.

In the spring of 2018, the university began a campaign to support immediate needs-based scholarships, and identified on their website that 5% of all donations to the university will support the Ignatian Promise Fund. To be direct, I missed it, and \$200 of our donations was redirected to this fund. Upon realization, the board discussed different options and determined an appeal was appropriate. If no relief could be granted, other methods of funds transfer would be undertaken. I am happy to report that the university is in agreement with our stance, and has relieved SLA donations from this apportionment going forward.



My term as president will be coming to a close soon. I plan on staying on if the Board so chooses. But according to our Bylaws, that will be my last two-year term. We'll need new blood infused into this position, and the Board for that matter. Give it some thought. It is already in your DNA to answer the call to service. Maybe this is a new and different way to be a man or woman for others.

Albert Lagore, SLA President

CLASS REPS HELP US ALL STAY IN CONTACT

Greetings to all. Our Class Representative list continues to move forward, albeit at a snail's pace. Several classes not represented before have had someone step forward to fill that role.

The most important part of being a Class Representative is keeping track of your classmates. This is important for the times when something of significance happens with one of them, i.e. promotion, personal changes, etc.; and of course, reunions.

The NROTC Alumni & Friends Association has a website (www.marquette-nrotc-alumni.org) open to all alumni. We appreciate all the alumni who have provided their contact information over the years, so we can stay in touch. The main information we want to keep are your e-mail and phone listings. While addresses are good information, almost all communication today takes place through e-mail and phone.

Most alumni appreciate hearing about their classmates, whether or not any get-togethers are planned. Many friendships have been rekindled, and plans have been discussed for future functions or meetings.

Keeping track of everyone in your class is not easy, especially at first. The best way is to solicit the help of those whose contact information you already have. This often leads to one or two additions from each classmate you contact.

I hope to hear from more of you. My contact information is below. Anchors Aweigh and Semper Fidelis!

Bill Bau: (310) 977-1463; e-mail, bauwp@aol.com

C.O. COMMENDS NROTC MIDSHIPMEN & ALUMNI ON ANOTHER GREAT YEAR

Another great academic year closed on 18 May, as we commissioned 12 new Ensigns and Second Lieutenants into the service of arms. They, to a man and woman, are of the finest quality, will serve our country well, and will uphold the great example that Marquette NROTC graduates have always embodied. The robust training that our new officers received, as well as the remaining midshipmen, was only possible through the outstanding support that we receive from our alumni groups.

As I now have been in the C.O.'s seat for two years, it is interesting to see the patterns that have formed, and the changes that are taking place in the Battalion. We continue to participate in many of the same training events that have become a tradition at the Unit: formal balls, shooting competitions, drill meets, basketball and golf tournaments, and local community service projects. Additionally, our midshipmen are also heavily involved in various collegiate sports and other organizations that keep them happily engaged in a busy college life. Our midshipmen have excelled in all regards, and, I feel, are of a very high caliber.

Summer training is now underway, with Marquette midshipmen literally all over the country and world, getting firsthand real-world training. Keep an eye on our Facebook page (Marquette University NROTC) to see what, and where, they are operating.

My personal thanks to the Marquette/Milwaukee family for making all of the above possible. Have a great summer, and if you are in town, please stop by and see us!

Captain Matthew Vandersluis, USN



UPCOMING MU NROTC EVENTS THAT ALUMNI CAN ATTEND

All NROTC Alumni are cordially invited to attend several Marquette NROTC events that take place in the last half of 2019. Each of them offers a chance to meet and greet current midshipmen and staff, as well as fellow alumni.

New Student Orientation conclusion social event: Noon on **21 September** at the lakefront McKinley Park Pavilion. This event, at the end of the "Freshmen Orientation Race of Competitive Exploration (FORCE)" marks the end of orientation for the new NROTC students. Meet and greet them, the Staff and other alumni on Milwaukee's lakefront directly to the south of the Milwaukee Yacht Club .

Marquette NROTC Annual Alumni Meeting and Open House: Saturday **5 October** at the Unit, in the old gymnasium building. Marquette Alumni & Friends Association, Inc. **Annual Meeting** from 0900 to 1000. **Open House** and a free buffet lunch follow at the Unit, 1000 to 1300. This is part of the Marquette University Homecoming/Reunion Weekend. Official MU 5-year reunions are for graduation years ending in 4 or 9, but all alumni are welcome. The 50-year Reunion will honor graduates from the Class of 1969.

NROTC Fall Ball: Evening of **8 November** at the Wisconsin Club in downtown Milwaukee. Dress is formal, with retired military alumni encouraged to wear their respective service uniform. RSVP and prior payment are required for dinner. *Details will be provided soon.* The Naval Services Fall Ball is the Unit's premiere event of the year, and celebrates both Navy and Marine Corps Birthdays. Includes music, dinner, drinks, dancing, drill and birthday cake cutting, guest speaker, plus presentation of Alumnus and Young Alumnus of the Year awards.

We encourage you to attend any or all of these fine events. This year marks the 79th anniversary of NROTC at Marquette University.

Edward Taicsich, Reunions & Hospitality Chair taicsich@att.net

PAYPAL REPLACEMENT ARRIVES 1 OCTOBER FOR DUES & DONATIONS

The Wild Apricot Payment System (WAPS) arrives Oct. 1st. It will replace PayPal as the electronic way to pay A&FA dues and SLA donations. Transaction fees will be the same: 2.9% of the transaction value + \$0.30 per transaction – and will be paid by A&FA.

The only change A&FA members should see when they visit the A&FA/SLA website (www.marquette-nrotc-alumni.org) on or after Oct. 1st, will be a WAPS button in place of a PayPal button on the dues payment and donation pages.

The Wild Apricot Payment System was started last year by Wild Apricot, which provides A&FA's member management system. Since inception, WAPS has processed more than 50,000 transactions through its payment processing partner, AffiniPay, a full-service merchant account provider specializing in retail and internet merchant accounts as well as processing for professional organizations and the legal industry (LawPay and CPA-Pay). Founded in 2005, AffiniPay is located in Austin, TX.

Scott Christensen, Treasurer

COMMUNICATIONS

One of the main benefits of being an MU NROTC alumni is continuing to be part of a community by keeping in touch with the unit and colleagues.

MU NROTC Unit

Follow what's happening in the NROTC Unit and Midshipmen Battalion at their website: <http://www.marquette.edu/navy-rotc/>. The Unit also has a Facebook page with news about the Midshipmen. If you participate in Facebook, search for: [Marquette University NROTC](#).

A&FA Website: <https://www.marquette-nrotc-alumni.org>

Join the Marquette NROTC Alumni and Friends Association (A&FA) now with dues to get all the news and updates that members enjoy. Check out the latest Unit and alumni news and information or, better yet, let your fellow alumni know about your Navy or Marine Corps career, or recent experiences. Our webmaster is always looking for more good content. Please send us input at munrotcalumni@gmail.com and periodically check out our website for new photos and more.

A&FA Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/130634680316129/>

The Marquette NROTC A&FA closed group (i.e. you must request to join) on Facebook continues to grow and is now at 292 members. Enjoy reading correspondence from our current leaders, news on recent events, alumni notes, and seeing photos of recent alumni Navy- and Marine Corps-related travels. Better yet: write and post your own accounts, reminiscences, historical items or news with alumni and friends.

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/mu_navy_rotc_alumni/ @mu_navy_rotc_alumni

This is also a "closed" or "private" group requiring you request to join. If you are on Instagram, join the other 57 followers to see our posts here.

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2948410>

LinkedIn is focused on professional networking and business related items. Our group on LinkedIn shares recent news and discussions on Navy- and Marine Corps-related activities. It also offers career networking opportunities and you can share newsworthy items and job opportunities with your fellow alumni. If you haven't joined yet our A&FA LinkedIn group, please do. 146 of your colleagues are already here.

If you already participate in these social media venues, search for "Marquette NROTC Alum Association" after you log in and request to join.

Remember that simply joining the A&FA Facebook and LinkedIn groups does not automatically make you a member of A&FA.

We encourage you to fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it in with a dues payment, or complete an electronic registration at the "Join" tab on our website (<https://marquette-nrotc-alumni.org/join-us>).

Email: You are a valued and important Marquette NROTC Navy and Marine Corps alumni! Our Association sends announcements via email every now and then to share news of interesting upcoming events and opportunities. Please send an email to us at munrotcalumni@gmail.com with your name, address, phone number and email address so that you don't miss out on new information.

Try one or try them all. Each is a great way to keep in touch!

Chris Nemeth '71, Communications Team

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Jim Dielen '63, our webmaster for the past six years. Jim has been instrumental in improving our IT capabilities and functionality, including our web and email communications and developing our recent annual newsletters. We appreciate all your time, expertise, volunteerism and contributions, Jim!

Jim has told us that it's time to relieve the watch, so we are looking for a backfill webmaster. Don't worry if you are not an HTML programmer - it's not as hard as you might think. Our Wild Apricot hosted website only requires "PowerPoint Ranger level" skills and there are lots of built-in tutorials. If you ever worked on a staff, you can do it. If you are, or know of, a member that can assist in this area, contact us at munrotcalumni@gmail.com.

2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF MARQUETTE NROTC A&FA

In 2018, members paid \$3,787.36 in dues and donations. Of this amount, \$3,198.83 was used to pay expenses and the remaining \$588.53 bolstered the association's cash balance which is deposited in a bank checking account. We started last year with total cash of \$10,984.70 and ended 2018 with total cash of \$11,534.99. The Alumni and Friends Assn (A&FA) Board of Directors established the guideline to carry forward approximately 2 years' worth of A&FA annual operating expenses as a sound "rainy day" fiscal management strategy in order to guard against any lean financial years. All 2018 expenses were paid.

2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF SLA

In 2018, alumni and friends donated \$10,929.29 to the Seapower Leadership Association. Of this amount, \$4,150.00 was spent on support of midshipmen activities. Another \$499.00 was used to purchase the naval officer sword presented in the Spring to the outstanding graduating midshipman.

SLA started 2018 with cash in its bank checking account of \$18,470.64 and ended the year with a cash balance of \$24,740.93. Thanks to you and your generosity, we were able to support the midshipmen and build the net worth of the SLA for the future.

Scott Christensen, Treasurer

Donor Honor Roll

2016-2017 Campaign

Anonymous	Donor	1953	
Benjamin	Olson	1955	
John	Walker	1955	
Charles	Schueppert	1958	
John	Hadbavny	1959	
Patrick	Scollard	1959	
James	Skroski	1959	
Robert	Hoch	1960	
William	McGovern	1960	
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James	Foley	1961	
William	Graff	1961	A
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Phillip	Kessler	1983	
Frederick	Lohmann	1984	
Craig	Petersen	1984	
David	Harrington	1988	
Benjamin	Hruz	1989	
John	Haeflinger	1990	
Austin	Helm	2008	
Robert	DeMatteo	Friend	C
Milwaukee	Elks Lodge #46		

2017-2018 Campaign

Albert	Gipe	1945	
Anthony	Balestrieri	1953	
John	Breen	1953	D
Benjamin	Olson	1955	
John	Walker	1955	
Charles	Schueppert	1958	
Patrick	Scollard	1959	E
James	Skroski	1959	
William	McGovern	1960	
Harold	Old, Jr.	1961	
Louis	Schmitt	1961	
Thomas	Meskel	1962	
James	Auer	1963	F
James	Himmelspach	1964	G
Michael	Krebs	1964	
James	Lang	1964	
John	Schwantes	1964	
Gerald	Bolain	1965	
Anonymous	Donor	1965	
William	Bau	1966	
James	Fox	1966	
Allen	Somers	1966	
Anonymous	Donor	1966	
John	Waschbusch	1966	
Class of	1968	1968	
Anthony	Gasper	1968	H
Robert	Gisch	1968	
Anonymous	Donor	1968	
John	Kennedy	1968	
Anonymous	Donor	1968	
Carl	Lundquist	1968	
Anonymous	Donor	1968	
Kevin	McGarity	1968	
John	Nuhn	1968	
Anonymous	Donor	1968	
Dwight	Naset	1969	
Martin	Menez	1972	
Mark	Pickett	1972	
Dale	Thanig	1972	
Anonymous	Donor	1972	
William	Beres	1973	
Anonymous	Donor	1976	
Anonymous	Donor	1978	
Anonymous	Donor	1979	
Mark	Neuwirth	1980	
Judy	Smith	1982	

2017-2018 Campaign (Continued)

Scott	Christensen	1983	
Michael	Good*	1983	
Phillip	Kessler	1983	
Frederick	Lohmann	1984	
Craig	Petersen	1984	I
John	Haeflinger	1990	
Anonymous	Donor	1990	
Philip	Gardner	2003	
Austin	Helm	2008	
Andrew	Peterson	2012	
Grace	Thorstad	2014	
Phil	Claiborne	Friend	
Robert	DeMatteo	Friend	J



Dedications

- A:** In Honor of Jack Campbell '61
- B:** In Memory of Lt W.G. Duroe, USMC - MU 1964
- C:** In Honor of: LTJG Patrick DeMatteo "13"
- D:** In Honor of Arnold Wegher
- E:** As the former Skipper of the Anchor & Chain in '58-'59, I am happy to support the Midshipman Battalion of MU
- F:** In Memory of Lt W.G. Duroe, USMC - MU 1964
- G:** In Honor of Jim Lang for service as President SLA
- H:** In Memory of Laurence Frederick USMC - MU NROTC Class of 1968
- I:** In Honor of Major Nick Ferencz, USMC
- J:** In Honor of LT Patrick DeMatteo "13"

Donor Honor Roll (continued)

2018-2019 Campaign Through 1 August 2019

Anthony	Balestrieri	1953	
John	Breen	1953	
Benjamin	Olson	1955	
John	Walker	1955	
Patrick	Scollard	1959	
James	Skroski	1959	
William	McGovern	1960	
Robert	Bell, Jr.	1961	
James	Foley	1961	
Harold	Old, Jr.	1961	
Thomas	Meskel	1962	
John	Crusoe	1963	
Daniel	Foley	1964	
James	Himmelspach	1964	
Michael	Krebs	1964	
James	Lang	1964	
William	Conley	1965	K
Anonymous	Donor	1965	
William	Bau	1966	
John	Waschbusch	1966	
Anonymous	Donor	1968	
Anonymous	Donor	1968	
Robert	Gisch	1968	
Anonymous	Donor	1969	
Martin	Menez	1972	
William	Beres	1973	
Richard	Strutner	1975	
Anonymous	Donor	1978	
Anonymous	Donor	1979	
Philip	Boettge	1980	
Anonymous	Donor	1980	
Arthur	Clark	1983	
Michael	Good*	1983	
Anonymous	Donor	1983	
Craig	Petersen	1984	
William	Rossi	1988	
John	Haeflinger	1990	
Ken	Radford	2001	
Austin	Helm	2008	
Deven	Ravel	2010	
Anonymous	Donor	2011	
Zachary	Duenas	2011	L
Madisyn	(Strole) Hansen	2011	
Bradley	Kuczynski	2012	
Class of	2015	2015	M
Nancy	Martinez	2015	N
Phil	Claiborne*	Friend	
Robert	DeMatteo	Friend	O

Thank You!

The listed generous donors are gratefully acknowledged for their financial donations over the past three "campaign seasons" since Fall of 2016. Our campaigns begin in December each year to coincide with end of year charitable giving. This support to the Seapower Leadership Association (SLA) by all these donors directly benefits Marquette NROTC Midshipmen Battalion leadership development activities.

Those listed with an * also supported the Marquette NROTC Alumni and Friends Association (A&FA) with a donation, sustaining the engagement activities between alums / friends and the NROTC Unit Midshipmen Battalion & Staff.

To all our big-hearted contributors - Thank You!



Dedications

K: Brian Conley, the son of a son of a sailor

L: In Honor of: MU rah rah!

M: We are forever grateful for our time with MU NROTC. We hope you never have to work a Miller Park game ever again!

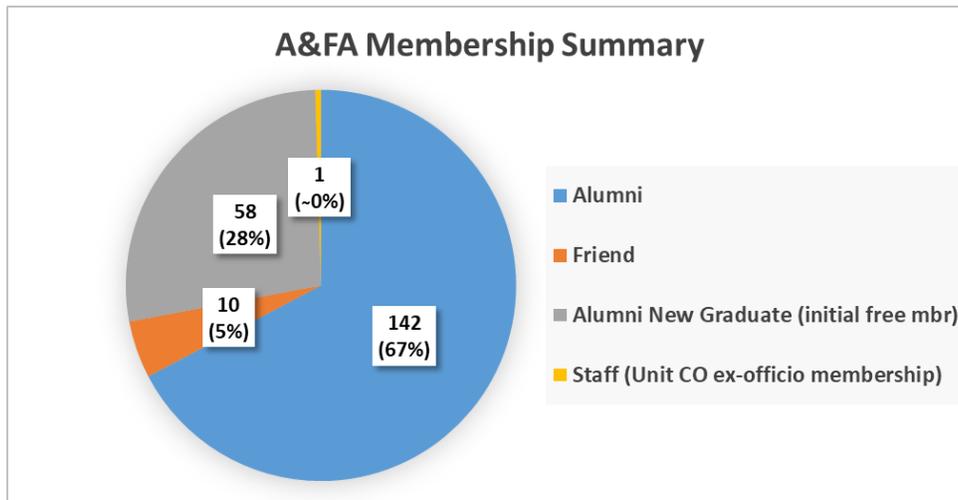
N: In Honor of the Class of 2015 😊

O: In Honor of: LT Patrick DeMatteo "13"



Membership

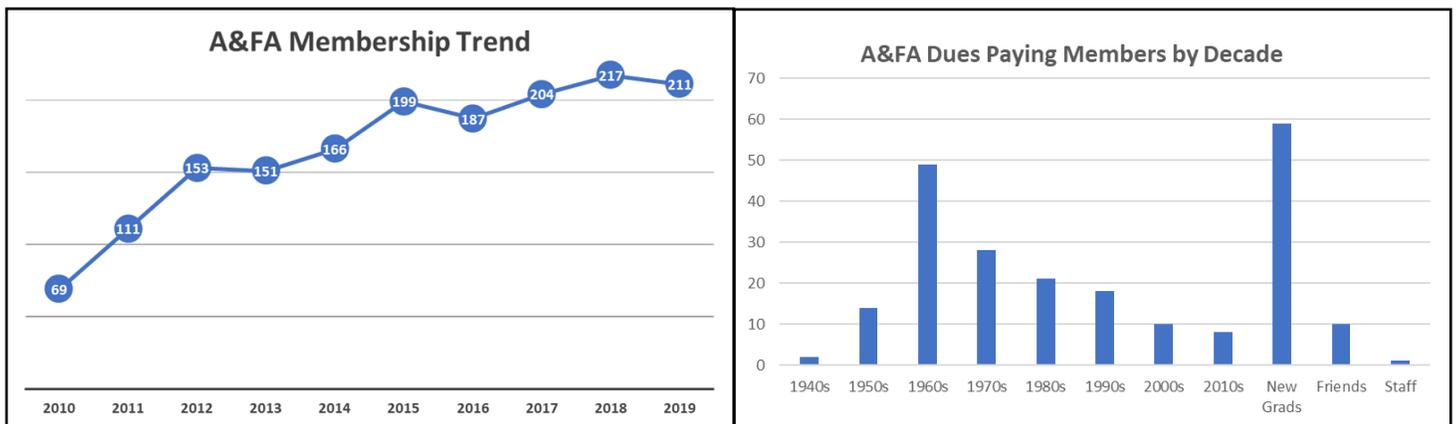
From a year ago, our membership numbers trended up thru the end of 2018, reaching 217 – our highest level yet. Let’s build on this successful trend! We saw the usual down/up cycle with annual renewals at 1 January each year. Some forget to renew, but most catch up. If you are among those who have not – **PLEASE RENEW NOW!** Here’s our breakout of our current 211 members, showing the number and percentage of each category:



We need the help of all alumni to encourage your classmates to enroll and sustain your Marquette NROTC Alumni & Friends Association. If every one of our current members enrolled just one classmate, we’ll be well on our way to our goal of 300 paid members - or more!

The graphs below present our opportunity for increasing membership. We have achieved consistent membership growth, but we are committed to do more. With over 3000 alumni in the 79 years of our NROTC program, it is certain that we could grow our numbers to at least 300. Certainly, cost can not be an issue, with dues (*still only*) \$20 each year! That \$20 annually from alumni (or friends) makes a *real difference* in our all-volunteer organization’s ability to support the annual alumni reunion event and the activities that provide support to the current Midshipmen Battalion. Below at the right is a breakout of dues paying members by decade.

You can clearly see that our 1960’s alumni are our leading supporters. How about those of us in the more recent decades taking the challenge to match their participation? What about a goal of just 4 alumni per class over the period 1970 - 2009 as dues paid members? Thinking about this in bite-sized goals, it’s very achievable – and it would take us to almost 300 members, with over 230 paying dues in addition to the new graduates to whom we extend an initial free membership.



We definitely need to engage with / hear from our younger alumni of the 2000’s and 2010’s, who are under-represented among dues paying members. More recent graduates, who know firsthand how A&FA and SLA have contributed to their experience since A&FA was reestablished in 2010, should understand firsthand the positive impact of A&FA and SLA. Let’s all “pay it forward”. We see great potential with the 2010-2015 graduates and the classes that currently have free membership after graduation – currently at 58 junior officers – for boosting our ranks significantly.

Our internet "cloud" based membership management system (hosted by Wild Apricot) allows every member access from a computer or personal electronic device. Check us out at: <https://marquette-nrotc-alumni.org>. We have an online sign-up and credit/debit card payment method for dues, like many non-profits, to simplify the membership process. By moving online, we also made it easier for you to stay connected – in or after your active duty military service. **Please help keep us current with your contact info when it changes.** We will still accept forms and checks mailed the traditional way, but we are seeing that many like this new “digital” approach for its ease of use.

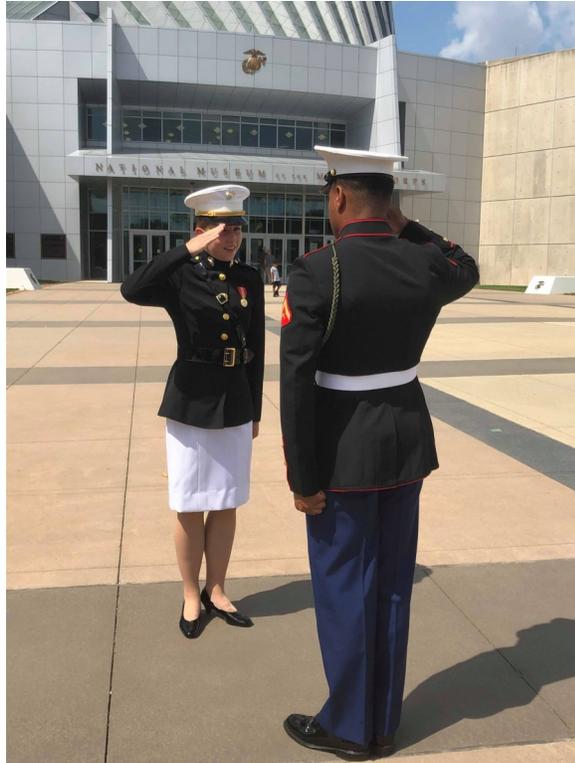
Again – if every one of us current members contacted **just one** classmate every year and recruited him or her to join, we would steadily grow our membership, and enhance our support to the NROTC Unit. Take the **Every-Member-Get-A-Member** challenge and do your part to sustain your alumni organization! Thanks in advance for your help in growing our membership. Questions? Ideas? Contact me! My email: mgood3@att.net

Mike Good, Membership Chair

CLASS OF 2019 COMMISSIONING - FINALE



MIDN Madison **Abell**, at OCS Quantico, VA in July 2019, completing Field Exercise (FEX) II to confirm squad level tactics, techniques, procedures and field craft learned in the program of instruction.



Commissioned 17 August 2019: 2ndLt Madison Rebekah **Abell**, USMC, B.A. International Affairs, to The Basic School, Quantico, VA. Saluted by LCpl Conner Claiborne, USMC, son of A&FA Board Member Phil Claiborne.

1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019 – MEMBERSHIP / CONTACT INFO / SLA DONATION FORM

Mail to: **Marquette NROTC Alumni & Friends Association, Inc. (A&FA)**
 Marquette University NROTC Unit
 1532 W. Clybourn Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233-2202

Name: (List Rank and/or Maiden Name if appropriate)	Rank First Middle Initial Last Maiden					Commissioned Year: (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Friend
	Address:						
E-Mail Address: (Used for most communications)		Primary:			Alternate:		
Telephone Number:		Home:		Mobile:		Other:	
A&FA Member Dues: MU NROTC Alums; MU NROTC Staff past & present; MU Alums who served in Navy & Marine Corps via other sources; Family, Friends & Supporters of MU NROTC Unit		<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Annual [\$20.00/year] \$ Multi-year payment accepted Multiply \$20 x # years desired, up to 5x Make check payable to "A&FA"			<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Graduate Newly commissioned officer membership is FREE for first 2 years following graduation.		

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