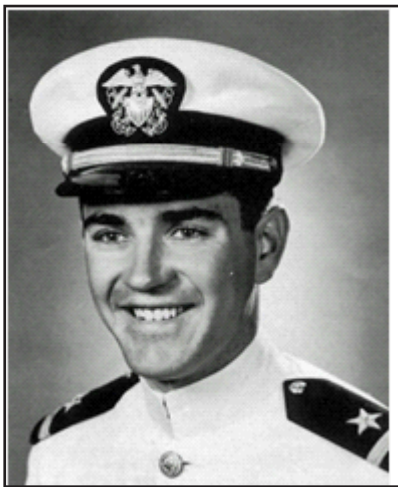




## USC “Tin Can Sailor” is an Award-Winning Novelist

by Paul Alwine '62



When John “Jack” Gobbell was an NROTC midshipman at USC (1960), he could have hardly imagined that years later he would be writing exciting novels about the Navy!

Jack was born in San Diego, but grew up in the San Fernando Valley, graduating from Van Nuys High School. Jack’s father had been in the Navy, and his older brother, Bill, was a USC NROTC grad in 1955, so it was natural for Jack to go to USC and join the NROTC program.

An English major, Jack was a member of

the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and had a great time as a member of the Trojan battalion – Charlie Company. As a midshipman, he took advantage of many of the unit’s outside activities. When offered, he took rides with instructor-pilots in military aircraft, including an ‘E’ ticket ride in a Lockheed T2V jet trainer. Between semesters, he spent a week at sea on the submarine USS RASHER (SSR 269), and his midshipman summer cruise aboard a “Tin Can,” a revered Fletcher class, USS PRITCHETT (DD 561). The peak of Jack’s USC-NROTC career was as one of many “Roman soldier” extras in the Academy Award-winning movie *Spartacus* that was filmed at Universal Studios in 1959. Universal hired the entire NROTC units from USC and UCLA along with their football teams. They needed men who could march, and men - the football players - who looked rough and tumble to play praetorian guards. And they got both. The movie soared, but Jack complains there were no residuals for his role as a 150-pound legionnaire stuck behind sword and shield, twenty-two ranks back.

Jack’s dad had served on four-stack destroyers in the peace-time Navy before World War II. With that and everything he learned as a midshipman, Jack chose destroyers. The Navy was good to him, and after graduation in

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### Calendar of Events

16 AUG 2018

Executive Committee Meeting  
USC Orange County Center

TBD AUG 2018

Swearing In Class of 2022  
USC Campus  
*Contact NROTC Unit  
for date and time*

20 SEP 2018

Board of Directors Meeting  
USC Campus

13 OCT 2018

Parents’ Weekend Tailgate  
USC PE Building

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# FROM THE BRIDGE

**Paul R. Alwine (Class of 1962)**

**CAPT, SC, USN (Ret)**

**President – USC NROTC Alumni League**

Another academic year has come to a close in mid-May, and another graduating class of NROTC midshipmen has been commissioned as new Navy and Marine Corps officers. Graduation was held on Friday, 11 May, and Commissioning was held the following day, Saturday, 12 May. Graduation day has gotten so crammed with the main commencement followed by many individual school events and ceremonies. Last year, the ROTC units decided to move commissioning to the next day when things are calmer. The commissioning is now held in Bovard Auditorium as a joint Army, Navy, Air Force event. So, our new Navy and Marine Corps officers will be heading to the fleet to carry on the proud tradition of USC NROTC graduates that has been ongoing for **78 years!** Read more about these grads later in this issue.

The **NROTC Drill Team** traveled once again to the University of Colorado in Boulder for the annual competition, and the Alumni League assisted with covering some of their travel costs. Of the 10 schools competing, USC finished 2nd place in Platoon Drill, 2nd place in Endurance Team, 3rd place in Pistol Shooting and 3rd place overall.

As we do each semester, we awarded **\$1000 scholarships** to five deserving midshipmen of the Trojan battalion. I can tell you that they really appreciate getting the extra financial assistance, and always thank us profusely for these scholarships! And that is all because of you and your generosity – so keep those checks coming!

At the NROTC Spring Ball in April, the Senior Class was honored prior to graduating. The Alumni League presented officer swords to the Drill Team



Commander and an outstanding First Class midshipman. Additionally, we presented a scholarship award in memory of our USC Medal of Honor recipient – CAPT William McGonagle, USN.

Next year (2019), the Navy will be doing something new and different for incoming NROTC scholarship students. Before they travel to their college or university, they will go to Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Illinois for a two-week “**Mini-Boot Camp**,” to prepare them for their service as NROTC midshipmen. Currently, schools like USC put on their own one-week indoctrination and orientation, prior to the beginning of the student’s first semester. This new approach will provide a nationwide, consistent orientation and evaluation of incoming midshipmen. This will be interesting...

Your Alumni League continues to prosper and grow, **thanks to your generous contributions** which make possible our support of the Trojan battalion for scholarships, Drill Team travel assistance, computer lab, and midshipmen awards. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

***Fight On!***

*Paul*



## COMMANDING OFFICER'S UPDATE

**Col Christopher J. Michelsen, USMC**  
**Commanding Officer & Professor of Naval Science**  
**University of Southern California**

It has been another outstanding year for the Trojan Battalion! I cannot believe how fast it went by. Let me provide you a current situation report, a brief look forward at the 2018-2019 school year, and a look back at the 2017-2018 school year.

We commissioned two Marine Corps 2ndLt and six Navy ENS on Saturday, 12 May 2018. The event was well attended. Our commissioning officer was LtGen Osterman (Deputy Commander, USSOCOM and father to newly commissioned 2ndLt Osterman). These young Officers are physically fit, solid leaders with tremendous academic credentials, and morally grounded with the virtues and ethical reasoning required to face a dynamic, chaotic, and sometimes ethically ambiguous decision-making environment. They will make a positive and lasting impact on the Navy and Marine Corps for years to come. Our nation is in good hands. Both 2ndLt will be Student Naval Aviators. One ENS was assigned to Naval Reactors, one Submarines, three for Surface Warfare, and one for Aviation. We have one additional MIDN 1/C who will commission in late June 2018 following completion of his first class cruise. He was assigned Surface Warfare.

Following graduation, we have 59 active Midshipmen and Marines. 39 of them are scheduled for summer cruise. New this summer is a pilot Battle Station cruise where Midshipmen have an intense "crucible-like" experience. We are sending three MIDN 3/C. MIDN 1/C Hoyohoy is the Commanding Officer, Trojan Battalion through December 2018. He has already built his team

and shortly will have his final plan for New Student Orientation (NSO) as well as a 2018-2019 calendar, budget, and fundraising plan.

We currently have 14 students committed to joining the Trojan Battalion in the Fall, with several additional students considering enrollment in the College Program. New this summer is a pilot New Student Indoctrination program aboard Naval Station Great Lakes, IL. All of our new scholarship MIDN 4/C are required to attend. Intent is to increase the intensity of program and standardize the indoctrination of new Midshipmen.

MIDN 1/C Petroy (Fall) and now ENS Lazzeroni (Spring) were tremendous Commanding Officers and led, enabled, and guided their staff through the planning and execution of the battalion's battle rhythm, including weekly Naval Science Laboratory, physical training, drill, Color Guard, team-building events, and support to NJROTC.

The Trojan Battalion did a marvelous job implementing structure to their calendar through the use of a Concept of Operations Brief, Letter of Instruction, Confirmation Brief, and After Action Report for all events. These skills will serve them well on active duty.

LT Schultz left us after two years as our Submarine Officer Instructor. He departs for the private sector in Silicon Valley after meritorious service as a junior officer. He left a lasting impact on the battalion, training, mentoring, and preparing the Midshipmen for Navy Nuclear Power interviews. He and his wife Sabrina will be missed. Fair winds and following seas! We lose Capt Barnes, our MOI

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Our NROTC Alumni League members are scattered all over the world and it is always fun trying to keep up with all your moves and changes. One way that we can keep up is for you to complete the "Update My Information" section of the Return Slip of The LOG when you send in your tax-deductible dues and contributions. Another way is to access the USC Alumni Association website <http://alumni.usc.edu/benefits/online.html> to update your profile, e-mail or mailing address. Whenever you move, get promoted or change your email address, go online to the USC Alumni site and pop in the current info. We don't want you to become LOST...

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**DON'T FORGET!! 2018 Membership Dues are due NOW!**

Please complete the form on the back page, write your **tax-deductible** check and send it to the Treasurer, Edward Tannenbaum, using the self-addressed envelope or to the NROTC Unit - Attention: Alumni League, at the address listed under "How to Contact Us"

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**Board of Directors Meetings**

All NROTC Alumni League Members are invited to attend the Spring and Fall Board Meetings as non-voting attendees. Reservations can be made with Paul Alwine: Home (949) 559-8659 or Cell (949) 636-0603. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 20, 2018 at 10:00 on the USC Campus.

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**NROTC Alumni Scholarship Endowment**

Our NROTC Alumni League Scholarship Endowment at USC is over **\$257,000**. Please see page 11 for the Financial Report. The Midshipmen of the Trojan Battalion truly appreciate your support with their school expenses. Any questions regarding the Scholarship Endowment and our scholarship program, call Dave Dawes '63 (714-374-1230).

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**From the Ship's Store**

**Trojan Battalion Items:** USC NROTC Polo Shirts - \$40, and USC NROTC Challenge Coins - \$10 each. To Order: Contact NROTC Office listed above - "How to Contact Us".

**Alumni League Items:** Tote Bag - \$25, Alumni League Challenge Coins - \$12, Bottle Openers (made from 50 Caliber Bullets - \$42. To Order: email [log\\_editor@yahoo.com](mailto:log_editor@yahoo.com)

*All proceeds go towards the support of the Trojan Battalion*



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# CO's Update

in June of 2018. Capt Barnes was a true NROTC ambassador to both the Trojan and Bruin Battalions. He worked tirelessly to prepare the Midshipmen and Marines to become Naval Officers and kept the consortium on track, serving as the Operations Officer during his tenure. He heads off to Stockholm, Sweden to join a management consulting firm. He and his wife Kairn will be missed.

In July of 2018, LT Entsminger will also depart the Trojan Battalion and move on to continued naval service at Department Head School in Newport, RI. LT Entsminger was an outstanding mentor for the Midshipmen and voice of reason on the staff. His prior enlisted service and experience were invaluable to the Midshipmen and to the unit. He and his wife Tiffany will be missed.

They are replaced by LT Harden and his wife Boram, Capt Patitsas and his wife Andrea, and LT Tan. LT Harden and Capt Patitsas are both on deck and already hard at work taking care of the Marines, Sailors, Midshipmen, and Government/University personnel. LT Tan will join us in August. We are excited to have them!

I want to say again how appreciative the staff, Trojan Battalion, and I are for the University of Southern California NROTC Alumni League's support and commitment. Thank you! The financial assistance you provide to the Midshipmen and Marines is invaluable, and your love and passion for the Trojan Battalion shines through in all of your engagements. You are role models of "what right looks like."

Please ensure all graduates of USC's NROTC program know the wardroom hatch is always open to them, and we would be happy to provide a tour of the facilities, listen to sea stories (facts not required), etc., at any time. Just contact me [christopher.michelsen@rotc.usc.edu](mailto:christopher.michelsen@rotc.usc.edu) or (804) 695-4844, and I will set it up. Lastly, if any graduates have internship opportunities for Midshipmen and Marines (during the school year or over the summer), please reach out. I think you will find them professionally equipped to provide significant value to your organization.

*Semper Fidelis,*

*Chris*

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## Author Jack Gobbell

1960, sent orders to the USS TINGEY (DD-539), another Fletcher class Tin Can, homeported in San Diego. He served as First Lieutenant, Fire Control Officer and ASW officer during his two years of active duty, and then was, for six years in the Navy Reserve, stationed aboard USS COLAHAN (DD-658) as the Gunnery and ASW Officer. During the Vietnam War, Jack was aboard the TINGEY when she bored holes in the South China Sea on YANKEE STATION, and due to night-time in-shore activity, also became a member of the Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club.

In civilian life, Jack had a busy career, working in consulting and executive recruiting at KPMG Peat Marwick, Shareholders Capital, and as a VP at Boyden Associates, an international executive recruiting firm headquartered in New York City.

In 1983, Jack started his own executive recruiting firm – The Gobbell Company in Newport Beach. He continued for twenty-five years until his final two-year assignment as the Director of Development for the USC Caruso Catholic Center, raising money for the new Our Savior Church and the Catholic Center at 32nd and Hoover.

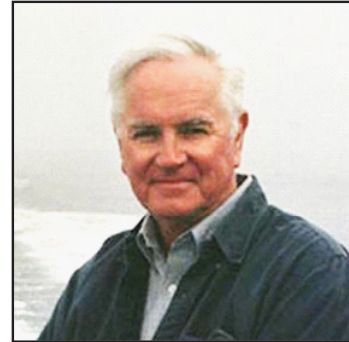
While in the Navy he began to get the bug for writing. He came up with the idea of a series of novels, starting with WWII in the Pacific, built around a fictitious Navy officer – **LT Todd Ingram**. Published by four of the nation's largest publishing houses, he has written eight novels of historical fiction, and the ninth is in the works! In 2015, Jack was honored with the Gold Medal by the Military Writers Society of America for his novel **Edge of Valor**. His latest novel – **Dead Man Launch** – takes place in 1968, and is based on the sinking of the Soviet Union's submarine K 129 which was partially salvaged by Howard Hughes' Glomar Explorer in 1974. His novels are available from Amazon and on Kindle.

Jack is a proud USC NROTC graduate, lifelong loyal Trojan, and member of the NROTC Alumni League. He and his wife Janine (a USC Kappa Alpha Theta)

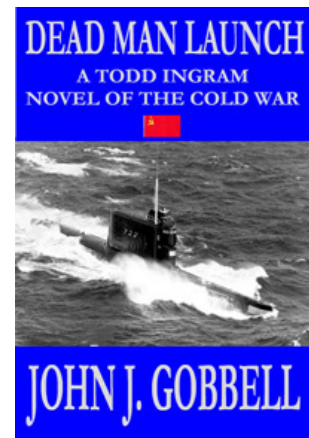
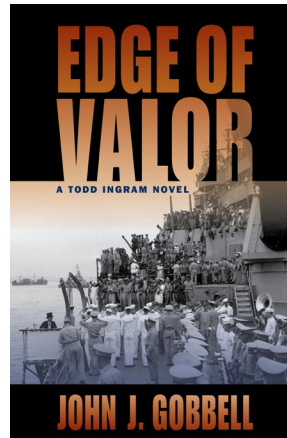
live in Newport Beach, have 2 grown children (both USC alumni), 9 grandchildren, and have been married for 58 fun-filled years!

If you are interested in learning more about Jack and his books, check out his website at:

[www.johnjgobbell.com](http://www.johnjgobbell.com)



Jack Gobbell '60



*Books in the  
Todd Ingram series:*

**The Brutus Lie**

**A Call to Colors**

**The Last Lieutenant**

**A Code for Tomorrow**

**When Duty Whispers Low**

**The Neptune Strategy**

**Edge of Valor**

**Dead Man Launch**

## USS TINGEY (DD 539) 1962 Deployment

*by Jack Gobbell '60*

Tingey deployed to WESTPAC in early 1962 and was thrown into DESRON 15 with six of the nation's newest destroyers. These included USS MAHAN (DLG 11), USS PREBLE (DLG 5), USS KING (DLG 10), USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7), USS TOWERS (DDG 9) and USS LYNDE McCORMICK (DDG 8). She shared this ominous assignment with another old Fletcher, USS BROWN (DD 546). These brand-new ships were much larger than the hapless Fletchers. They were the pride of the Navy and were festooned with blue guided terrier missiles and giant radar antennae which spun in glory for all to see.

Right away, the two, ungainly and unwelcomed Fletchers seemed to get the short end. For example, in Pearl Harbor for underway training, these two hapless destroyers were nested four and four with TINGEY and BROWN occupying outboard spots. This meant the crews had to cross over three ships to get to the pier. En route, they encountered eye rolls and cat-calls. Worse was bringing aboard stores and crates over three ships with no help whatsoever.

Our sailors aboard TINGEY got their backs up when our brightwork and fancy trimming on the fo'c'sle was stolen one night. The next night, there were fights ashore. In retaliation, our boatswain's mates put out rat-guards, the ultimate insult to a neighboring ship.

There were more fights. The Commodore got involved. He had to. He ordered our bright work returned to us and that we strike the rat-guards. This was done, but feelings still ran high when we finally shoved off for Yokosuka, Japan.

Our sailors were still resentful. So, without telling the wardroom on the way to Japan, our machinists mates fashioned from sheet metal, a dummy guided missile with fins, painted it blue, and stuck a toilet plunger on the nose. This completed "Terrier" missile fit perfectly over the barrel of mount 55, our after five-inch mount, and stood in glory for all to see.

The other ships loved it. When steaming in close quarters or at replenishment, the other sailors laughed and hooted and gave us thumbs up. Unfortunately, the Commodore didn't approve. He ordered our Terrier removed – permanently. And thus, faded into the history books, the saga of one ship's valiant struggle to stand tall with the next generation. Some things never change.



*USS TINGEY (DD-539)*



# DECADES *DOINGS*

*This section of THE LOG is to share brief “happenings” or news items with our NROTC Alumni League members. It is organized by decades of your commissioning date for ease in finding info about your 'SC classmates. Submissions can be sent via e-mail to Frances Annarella at: log\_editor@yahoo.com or on the return slip along with your annual dues. Please keep it brief and please PRINT clearly. Note: If you e-mail us, please include your commissioning year.*

## 1940's

**Irwin Daniels '44:** Retired from 60 years of developing office buildings

**William Earnshaw '46:** My few shipmates are doing well. We had telecon with Bob Fairhead who lives in Florida, Donald Miller and John Ferlin, both of California. My wife of 66 years and I stay in New Hampshire except to visit our growing family now consisting of 6 children, 28 grandchildren, and 55 great-grandchildren with at least two more scheduled for 2018! Fight on!

**R. Bruce Campbell '49:** Reached the big “90” this year. Still hanging in there on beautiful Whidbey Island, Washington.

## 1950's

**Peter McDermott '54:** Retired in 1994 after 40+ years in the healthcare field. Moved to Cape Cod, stayed 8 years, got too cold, so moved to Florida. Got too hot and survived Hurricane “Charlie”, so moved to the Knoxville Smokey Mountain area of Tennessee. Still serving with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, which I joined in 1994.

**Ray Williams '55:** Life is good! Survived heart surgery in November and onto my 85th birthday. It's been 62 years since graduation and becoming an officer in the U.S. Navy. Practiced law over 50 years. My wife, Donna, and I are having a great retirement. Hello to Jim Eddy.

**Clark Leonard '56:** Once again held gathering at Lake Tahoe in July. Attending were Jack Leth '56, Doug Potter '56, Jim Prock '57, Dean Allen '57 and myself. Any other '56 or '57, alums out there, contact me at: [cmleonard1@cox.net](mailto:cmleonard1@cox.net)

**Victor Gulliver '57** The USC NROTC program was a great foundation for what turned out to be a 30 year career in the Navy. Being taught how to fly airplanes and being paid for it was a highlight of my life. Commissioned 60 years ago, retired 30 years ago. Looking forward to the next 30 years.

**George McMichael '59:** Will be moving again shortly. This will be our 23rd address in 53 years of marriage following the grandkids, as their father (LCDR, USN) takes up new duties as Combat Systems Officer at Afloat Training Group, Norfolk, VA.

**Joseph Vaughan '59:** Still sailing along. This year had 80th birthday, 50th anniversary and a new aortic heart valve.

## 1960's

**Jack Gobbell '60:** Just released my newest novel “Dead Man Launch,” a novel of the Cold War.

**Rudy Baron '61:** Still living on Balboa Island since I left active duty in 1962. My wife, Suzy, and I spend many weekend in Catalina Island aboard our 49' Trawler “Baroness.” I frequently use my knowledge of navigation acquired in the NROTC program. I have fond memories of my active duty experience.

**Paul Alwine '62:** Had a great 2017 with lots of travel. Hard to believe that I'm now in my “Late 70's!” Time flies when you're having fun! Travel “standdown” in early-mid 2018 due to my wife's major back surgery. But we'll be zooming by the end of the year!

**Steve Tanner '68:** Still a working stiff. VP, General Counsel Global Services, Realogy Franchise Group, Realogy Holdings Corp., Madison, NJ. Been here 22 years, so long that I'm “from here” now. Still playing golf and even enjoying it sometimes during the 6 month season. The hotter the better.

## 1970's

**Kevin “Bear” Kramer '70:** Advanced from Mustering Petty Officer to Captain in 27 years. 1978, joined Flying Tigers in Los Angeles and Flew DC-8's, B727's, B747's and MD11's worldwide for 35 years. Currently hold a 100 ton master license which allows me to captain our family yacht “Hotel California,” a Cheoy Lee 48 offshore Ketch for maintenance income! Cinda and I have 6 kids and 8 grandkids. Daughter Sarah launched my Facebook



# DECADES *DOINGS*

profile so I can see what the Kramer kids are doing. Advice to the graduating Midshipmen, "Shine your shoes, get a haircut, volunteer for Squadron SLJ's and work for an Admiral. . .you'll get promoted to O-6!" Wish I would have worked harder when I took Naval Science/Navigation.

**Stephen Troutman '71:** Had an active year as a SCORE volunteer (mentors to small businesses sponsored by the Small Business Administration). In a prison outreach, I conducted entrepreneurship seminars at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester and the Federal Prison Camp in Duluth, MN. Mentoring over 100 inmates.

**Jamie Baldwin '74:** After leaving active duty, went to law school in Washington, D.C. Became an airline lawyer and deregulated the industry as well as deregulating myself out of a job. Stayed in the Naval Reserve and spent quite a bit of time on Special Active Duty, including a three month tour in the Persian Gulf in Operation Earnest Will and a one year tour during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm where I ran into Guy Vereb. Now retired and working more than ever, teaching Business Law online at the University of Maryland University College and lecturing on the airline industry at the University of Westminster in London and Emirates Aviation University in Dubai.

**Scott Herman '74:** I retired from United Airlines in 2017. Airline pilots in the U.S. are not allowed to fly after they are 65, but the company keeps pilots on the books until end of the month they turn age 65. I retired on my 65th birthday after more than 30 years of service. During that time, I racked up more than 21,000 hours (over 10,000 as a Captain), flew to 45 states and Washington D.C., 17 countries, and 128 cities on 5 continents. I have great memories of my coworkers, customers and these cities and the sights I have seen. I believe I got more than I gave!

## 1980's

**Mark Juergensen '83:** The past 15 years have been busy. First, retiring from the USNR as Commander in the Reserves assigned to AADC, a Missile Defense Unit in San Diego. Professionally, I was a team member that developed over 8,000 acres of solar projects in California

and Nevada. More recently, we commissioned two hybrid gas turbines for Southern California Edison.

**Todd Pockington '85:** Just completed 28th year at Rockwell International/Boeing. Working various space programs. Katy and I continue to enjoy life in Southern California. We hope all are doing well.

**E. C. Helme '86:** Retired in 2007 after a rewarding 20 years of service - Surface Warfare on a variety of ships and staffs. Then started with SAIC in Newport, Rhode Island as a Program Manager and have been there ever since! We miss our California winters! Married Hope Anderson from Willows, CA and have a daughter, Hanna, now 14. Time flies!

**Todd Porter '87:** Work for Navy Aviation Systems Command (NAVAIR) at NAS Patuxent River on the MQ-4C TRITON UAS Program (PMA-262).

## 1990's, 2000's and 2010's

### Nothing to Report



# TAPS



*Farewell and bon voyage to our departed shipmates.*

A donation has been made to the USC NROTC Alumni League Scholarship Endowment in the name of each officer listed below.

Lawrence Wilsey '44  
James Morrison '44  
Randy Majewski '74

Oct 3, 2017  
Feb 2017  
April 8, 2018

Note: All names are published and donations are made to the Alumni League Scholarship Fund in their honor when their passing is brought to our attention.

## ***USC NROTC Alumni League Scholarships for the 2017-2018 Academic Year***

The USC NROTC Alumni League is pleased to have awarded **ten \$1000 scholarships** for the Fall and Spring semesters of the 2017-2018 academic year to the midshipmen listed below. These scholarships are possible through the contributions provided by our alumni members to the Alumni League Scholarship Fund. This scholarship recognizes their scholastic and leadership achievements in the Battalion, at USC and in their community. The funds are credited to their university account to assist with their school expenses (housing, student loans, etc.). The recipients are also invited to join the Alumni League for lunch at the Spring Board of Directors meeting.

### **Fall 2017**

**Midshipman 3rd Class Aaron Hobson** - Navy Option - Industrial and System Engineering – Year Book Officer – USC Surf Team Captain, USC Rock Climbing Team

**Midshipman 2nd Class Jeffrey Linenger** – Navy Option - Environmental Studies – 4th Class Training Officer – American Collegiate Hockey Association Division 2, Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, volunteer Caruso Catholic Center.

**Midshipman 1st Class Julianne Norhagen** – Navy Option - Industrial and System Engineering – Alumni Affairs Officer – Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, USC Scuba Diving, SC Outfitters

**Midshipman 2nd Class Daniel Orlov** – Navy Option - International Relations – Mustering Petty Officer – Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity

**Midshipman 1st Class William Osterman** – Marine Option - Human Biology – Marine Platoon Commander – Blood Bowl Teams, USC Lacrosse Team, USC Cycling Team, US Military Endurance Sports Team, works at USC Price Dean's office

### **Spring 2018**

**Midshipman 1st Class Austin Carter** – Marine Option - Aerospace Engineering – Supply Officer – Dive Team, NASA RASC-AL Design Team lead, Archery Team, Ballroom Dance Team Board member

**Midshipman 3rd Class Aaron Hobson** – Navy Option - Industrial and System Engineering – Year Book Officer and Squad Leader – USC Surf Team Captain, Sigma Chi Fraternity, volunteer USC Share a Meal Program

**Midshipman 4th Class Hailey Mollica** – College Program - Mechanical Engineering – Drill Team, Color Guard, Shooting Team, Tailgate Plans Committee

**Midshipman 1st Class William Osterman** – Marine Option - Human Biology – Executive Officer – Blood Bowl Teams, USC Lacrosse Team, USC Cycling Team, US Military Endurance Sports Team, works at USC Price Dean's office

**Midshipman 4th Class Kayla Wehner** – Navy Option - International Relations – Drill Team, Color Guard, Birthday Ball Plans Committee – USC Model United Nations, Campus Ministry Group

## ***FINANCIAL REPORT***

*by Jim Hull '82*

The balance in the NROTC Alumni Fund (22-5506) as of 12 April 2018 was \$32,078. Since the beginning of the University's fiscal year (1 July 2017), the League received \$10,030 in donations to the Alumni Fund, including 63 personal checks and 21 on-line donations. We incurred \$4627 in expenses, the largest being \$4000 for Drill Team travel.

The Alumni Fund (22-5506) allows the Board of Directors the most flexibility in directing donations to programs in support of USC Midshipmen. We pay a 15% service charge to the University when using 22-5506 funds. This service charge is assessed to cover administrative expenses, including check and on-line donation processing.

The NROTC Alumni Scholarship Fund Spendable Account (28-4296) has a balance of \$24,332. Each semester, through a competitive application process, we award five \$1000 scholarships. Midshipmen use the money to offset University education and living expenses.

The Scholarship Fund Spendable Account (28-4296) is funded each year through a percentage payout of approximately 5% applied to the League's share of the multi-billion dollar USC Endowment. The payout for the last fiscal year was \$13,477 and was added to the Spendable Account in July 2017.

Donations designated as "Scholarship" are placed in the NROTC Alumni League Scholarship Endowment (98-4296) account. This account is the League's share of the USC Endowment described above and currently totals \$257,168. Since July 2017, the Scholarship Endowment received 53 checks and 4 on-line donations totaling \$2770. Again, we access approximately 5% of your Scholarship donation each year to spend on Midshipmen programs.

Money from the Parker Endowment Spendable Account (22-7416) is used to offset costs related to the printing and mailing of The Log. The current balance is \$456. This account is also funded yearly with the approximate 5% payout historically declared by the University applied to the Parker \$25,000 endowment.

Questions? Contact Jim Hull '82: (310) 902-3860; [hulljamesc@aol.com](mailto:hulljamesc@aol.com)

### **"FEDVIP" to Replace Current TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP)**

The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Plan, sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management will replace the current Retiree Dental Program and add Vision coverage for 2019. Open enrollment is **12 Nov - 10 Dec 2018**. All TRICARE beneficiaries desiring coverage must make a specific choice during open enrollment. There will be NO automatic transition for current TRDP enrollees. FEDVIP offers 10 Dental Plans and 4 Vision Plans to choose from.

For more information: [TRICARE.benefeds.com](http://TRICARE.benefeds.com)

### ***Follow the NROTC Alumni League!***

Follow us on Twitter @USCNROTC

Follow us on Facebook:  
[Facebook.com/USCNROTCAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/USCNROTCAlumni)

Check out our website: [USCNROTC.org](http://USCNROTC.org)

And please consider the USCNROTC Alumni League in your estate planning

## 2018 Spring Ball Awards

The NROTC Alumni League presents several awards at the Midshipmen's annual Spring Ball: three swords (outstanding senior Navy Option Midshipman, outstanding senior Marine Option Midshipman, and the Drill Team Commander). Also, the league has the honor to present a check to the recipient of the CAPT McGonagle Scholarship. USC NROTC Alumnus, CAPT William L. McGonagle, USN '47 was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service while he commanded the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) during the Israeli-Egyptian "Six Day" War. He passed away in 1999. League President, CAPT Paul Alwine made the presentations at this year's Spring Ball.



*MIDN 2/C Jeffrey Linenger, recipient of the CAPT William McGonagle \$500 scholarship*



*Spring Semester Battalion Commander, MIDN 1/C John Lazzeroni, received the Navy Officer's sword*



*MIDN 1/C Austin Carter, recipient of the Marine Corps Officer's sword*



*Drill Team Commander, MIDN 2/C Isaac Hoyohoy received a Navy Officer's sword. The Drill team finished 3rd overall at this year's Drill Meet in Boulder, CO. Please read his "thank you" note to the League on the next page (page 13)*

***Thank you, Alumni League members,  
for your generous contributions and support!***



## *USC Veterans Appreciation Dinner*

The ninth annual USC Veterans Appreciation Dinner was held on March 20th in Los Angeles. This annual celebration recognizes the contributions of the Trojan military families. USC Air Force ROTC Alumna, Lt Gen Stayce Harris was the guest of honor and gave the keynote speech. LtGen Harris is the first female African-American to achieve the rank of Lieutenant General in the Air Force. She is currently the Inspector General of the Air Force.

Another highlight of the evening was the honoring of our war veterans. In the past, World War II veterans received special recognition. This year, those involved in the Korean Conflict were honored. Also in attendance this year were a group of Tuskegee Airmen.



*LtGen Stayce Harris,  
USC AFROTC '81*



*Four members of the USC NROTC Class of 1952 were honored for their service during the Korean War and were presented medals from the university. Left to right: Jim Eddy, Bill Green, Jack Tiller. Seated: Ron Kennedy*

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### *Excerpt from a note from the Drill Team Commander:*

It has been a true honor to represent the Midshipmen of USC and our distinguished alumni. Thank you for having faith in our drill team and thank you for believing in me. Our team could not have made it this far without the support of the USC NROTC Alumni League.

The sword you presented me does not belong to just me. It belongs to the team that got me to where I am today. Attached is a picture of all the members who attended this year's Colorado Drill Meet. They are all grateful for your support.

Very Respectfully,

MIDN 2/C Hoyohoy



# Back at the Battalion

## CLASS of 2018

### Marine Corps Second Lieutenants and Navy Ensigns

*Congratulations to our newest officers, commissioned on May 12, 2018  
Welcome aboard to the Alumni League!*

**2nd Lt Daniel ECKSTROM, USMC**

*Hometown:* Ventura, CA  
*Degree:* BA in Political Science  
*First Duty Station:* The Basic School

**2nd Lt William OSTERMAN, USMC**

*Born in:* Newport, Rhode Island  
*Degree:* BA in Biology  
*First Duty Station:* The Basic School

**ENS Andrew HEMBERGER, USN**

*Hometown:* Rockville, MD  
*Degree:* BA in Economics  
*First Duty Station:* Surface Warfare Officer and report to the USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD-8), in San Diego, CA

**ENS John LAZZERONI, USN**

*Hometown:* Tucson, AZ  
*Degree:* BS in Electrical Engineering  
*First Duty Station:* Naval Reactor Engineer, Washington Navy Yard, District of Columbia

**ENS Gregory LENNON, USN**

*Hometown:* Redding, CA  
*Degree:* BA in International Relations  
*First Duty Station:* Legal Officer, USS SOMERSET (LPD-25), in San Diego, CA

**ENS Matthew MERZ, USN**

*Hometown:* Washington, D.C.  
*Degree:* BS in Astronautical Engineering  
*First Duty Station:* Submarine Officer and report to Nuclear Power School, Charleston, SC

**ENS Connor PATERNAUDE, USN**

*Hometown:* Poway, CA  
*Degree:* BA in Physics  
*First Duty Station:* Surface Warfare Officer and report to USS WARRIOR (MCM-10) in Sasebo, Japan

**ENS Carter RADOVAN, USN**

*Hometown:* Manhattan Beach, CA  
*Degree:* BS in Business Administration  
*First Duty Station:* Naval Pilot and report as a Student Aviator to Pensacola, FL



*Newly commissioned ENSIGNS  
protected by United States Marines!*

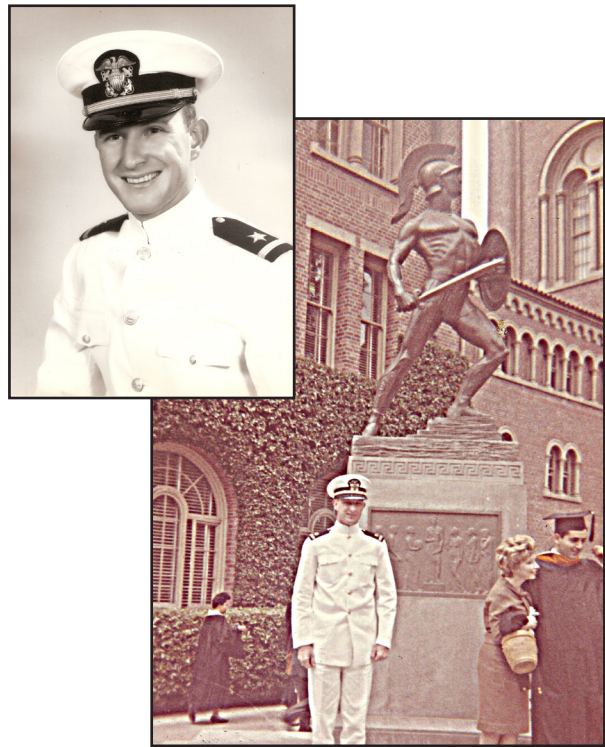


# The Photo Gallery



*Proud father, LtGen Joseph L. Osterman and his son, 2nd Lt William Osterman. LtGen Osterman was the commissioning officer at this year's ROTC Commissioning Ceremony. He currently serves as Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (US-SOCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.*

*After the commissioning in Bovard Auditorium, the new officers held their "First Salute" ceremony in front of Tommy Trojan. Alumni League President, CAPT Paul Alwine presented each new officer with an Alumni League Challenge Coin. While there, he reflected on his own graduation and photo in front of Tommy. . . a fresh-faced Ensign, just 56 years ago (1962)!*



*Delta Captain Dave Thompson '81 (left) and First Officer John Pullen '90 at LaGuardia having just flown in from Tampa. Dave is based in Atlanta, John is based in Salt Lake City. They both fly Airbus 319, 320 and 321 series aircrafts. Fight On!*



**Attention, Ladies!!!****Women Alumnae Reunion (W.A.R.)  
29 - 30 March 2019**

**W.A.R. is coming!!** The NROTC Alumni League W.A.R. Council has established Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th for the first Women Alumnae Reunion to be held on campus at USC. We invite and hope that all female graduates of the USC NROTC program can attend.

This will be a great opportunity to not only reconnect with classmates but also to meet women who have served before and after us. We will be inviting women Midshipmen from the Trojan Battalion as well. Currently, we are in the planning stages, but tentatively, here's what we have planned so far:

**Friday afternoon/early evening:** Reception in the P.E. Building Atrium (similar reception to the NROTC 75th Reunion). The Wardroom and other NROTC spaces will be open and available for walk thru's and reminiscing.

**Saturday morning to early afternoon:** Brunch, speakers, and discussions.

**Saturday afternoon** - Optional campus tour (the tour will end at the campus book store so we can all stock up on Trojan gear).

What do you think? Please send comments to Frances Annarella at **log\_editor@yahoo.com** and I will forward to the rest of the council. W.A.R. Council members are:

Frances Shannon Annarella '81  
Tracy O'Bryan Ayotte '82  
Ann Smith Mathews '77  
Maureen (Alex) Alexander Wright '81

**Attention, Ladies (Again)!!!****Email addresses needed for W.A.R. Correspondences**

For our upcoming March 2019 Reunion, since we have NO budget, we will be sending invitations and other notices electronically **only**. If you are getting this newsletter, it means we have your mailing address, but we probably do not have your email address, so please take a moment and send a quick note to **log\_editor@yahoo.com** - please include full name (maiden and married if applicable) and commissioning year.

**Attention, Gentlemen!!!****Want to Plan a Reunion?**

Feeling a little left out that a Women Only Reunion is being planned? How about organizing a reunion of your own? If you are interested in organizing a class reunion or something more specific (i.e., Marines, Aviators, etc.), please let us know - we're here to help.



## *Women NROTC Graduates - Is Everyone Accounted For?*

The W.A.R. Council went through all the *Seahorses* available and came up with the following list of women graduates. As we all know, not everyone listed in the *Seahorses* was commissioned and not everyone commissioned was pictured or mentioned there. Also, there were some years when the *Seahorse* yearbook was not published, so please review the below list and email [log\\_editor@yahoo.com](mailto:log_editor@yahoo.com) with any updates (additions, corrections, name changes, deceased, etc.). Thank you for your help!

1977	Ann Smith Mathews	Brooke Sharer Allen	Meghan Gray
		Wendy Holmes Burrell	Rebecca Haggard*
1978	Jane Mason Pellogrino		Alexandra Schneiders*
	Frances Davis Lashley	1999	Denise Solis*
	Grace Sheehan (Deceased)	Giana Lococo Van Nice	
	Karen Walbert McCloud	Melody Trujillo*	2008
		Daphne Yu	Megan Hinton
1979	Anne Long McDonnell	Elizabeth Gilliam*	Arlene Valenzuela*
		Carri Richon*	
1980	Deborah Graf Fowler*	2000	2009
	Maureen Farren	Christina Holler	Tawney Nakamura
	Idenne Leslie Whetsel	Tenille Latourett*	Kelly Wilks
		Dawn McCullom*	2010
1981	Maureen Alexander Wright	Amy Redditt Tomlinson*	Nicole Melrose*
	Donna Baker Geren	Monica Snipes Lutgendorf	2011
	Frances Shannon Annarella	Patricia Weckel*	Olivia Quinn*
		Casey Wyatt Haas	2012
1982	Michele Gromme Lindsey	2001	Nalani Ching*
	Tracy O'Bryan Ayotte	Mylene Arvizo*	Leslie Grantham
		Jinny Harris McGill	Venus Savage
1983	Laura Horton	Sarah Higgins	2013
	Elizabeth Ihde*	Abby Johnson Moyer	Peggy Bobbin
	Cindy Pludow Sugimoto	KellyAnn Varonfakis*	Rachel Mattis*
	Nancy Teft LaRue (Deceased)	2002	Sarah Questell*
1984	Linda Seller	Allison Childers*	Natalie Smith Pogemeyer*
		2003	2014
1985	Catherine Cronk Powell	Jane Abanes	Celine Doerr
		Cheyenne Hamilton Ferrell	Lyndsay Evans
1986	Tera Turner Salo	Amy Miranda	Karissa Mattimore
	Penny Denham White	Destiny Stapleton Savage	2015
		Marin Peterson Jakawich	Marina Hierl*
1988	Alice Vargas*	Courtney Legrand*	Shea Livingston
		2004	Ashley Brady*
1989	Taylor Kiland	Rachel Musser	2016
	Carol Shaw Pratt	Katherine Spies	Alexandra Axtell*
		Stephanie Erwin*	Jaclyn Hennegan*
1990	Christine Barta*	Jamie DeCoster	Monica Laporte*
		Jennifer Arun*	Lillian Wardall
1991	Kecia Adams*	2006	2017
		Lindsay Draper	Sarah English
1992	Jill Patterson*	Kathryn Horgan	Alejandra Murillo
		2007	Julianne Nordhagen
1998	Debra Caswell	Jacqueline Ellis*	Madeleine Husinga
	Kara Granger Marrs	Megan Ferrell*	

\* = *address needed, not in our database or mailing list.*

## USC NROTC Alumni League ASSOCIATE Membership

The USC Naval ROTC Alumni League is an all-volunteer organization of the university whose mission is to provide the Midshipmen of the Trojan Battalion with things such as supplemental scholarships, achievement recognition, an alumni-funded computer lab, and Drill Team funding assistance. We provide mentoring and an “alumni connection” for current Midshipmen when and where possible. **Associate membership is available to families and those interested in the USC NROTC unit**, to provide additional much needed financial contributions. All Associate members receive the semi-annual newsletter - “The LOG” as well as invitations to Alumni League Events.

Family Membership:  
In Support of Midshipman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Commissioning Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Membership:  
Affiliation (e.g., Staff, former Midshipman) \_\_\_\_\_

Here is my contribution for the USC NROTC Alumni League and Trojan Midshipmen Battalion:

\$ 25.00 Associate Member Dues Donation for 2018

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contributions for Special Events (e.g., Drill Team, Computer Lab, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Donation for the NROTC Alumni League Scholarship Endowment

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (please print in all CAPITAL letters):  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Return this page in the envelope provided.  
Make checks payable to: **USC NROTC Alumni League**  
Mail to: **Edward Tannenbaum, Treasurer**  
**12812 Bristol Cir**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90049**

# USC NROTC Alumni League REGULAR Membership

*All Graduates of the USC NROTC Program are REGULAR members of the Alumni League.  
Please use this form for donations and updates.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Here's my support for the USC NROTC Alumni League and the Trojan Midshipmen Battalion**

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE** (Note: You will receive a donation receipt from the University)

\$ 25.00 Member Dues Donation for 2018

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contributions for Special Events (e.g., Drill Team, Computer Lab, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Donation for the NROTC Alumni League Scholarship Endowment

[ \_\_\_\_\_ ] My company will match my gift. Contact your Company HR Dept for form and assistance

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Please Return this page in the envelope provided.  
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[ ] Please update my record

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Commision: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Year & School of Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (please print in CAPITAL letters):  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Missing SEAHORSES

**Great News** - All the Seahorse Yearbooks **on hand** at the NROTC Unit have been scanned and are available on line through the USC Archives.

**Bad News** - We are still missing some yearbooks. It appears that there were several years when yearbooks were not published. It's understandable in the early years of the unit (the 1940's), but in the 2000's? This is our history people! Let's try to preserve it the best we can. If you have any of the missing Seahorses OR if you know a year when one was not published, please email [log\\_editor@yahoo.com](mailto:log_editor@yahoo.com).

<b>1943</b>	<b>1948</b>	<b>1994</b>
<b>1944</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>1945</b>	<b>1950</b>	
<b>1947</b>	<b>1993</b>	

To view the Seahorses on line, you can go to the below link to access it directly:

<http://digitallibrary.usc.edu/cdm/search/collection/p15799coll104/searchterm/ROTC%20Yearbooks/field/parta/mode/exact/conn/and/order/title>

Or just go to: <http://digitallibrary.usc.edu> and search for "Seahorse"