The TULANE NROTC Alumni Assoc. has decided to honor those alumni who have attained flag rank in a special way. A plaque with the name, rank and class [year] will be unveiled at the General Meeting of this organization to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday 28 October 2016 in the Navy Building on Tulane Campus. The General Meeting is always held during Homecoming Weekend, and is an integral part of the Homecoming festivities. A cocktail party will follow the meeting.

We sincerely hope that as many of the honored flag officers will attend the unveiling of this plaque.

At present, we are aware of 13 such flag officers.

Your Alumni Assoc. determined that it was only fitting that those who have attained such rank be so honored. It will, we believe, also serve as an inspiration to the current and future midshipmen as they trod the deck of our Navy Bldg.

PLEASE go online, check us out, and join us by setting up payment of dues or making a donation.

IF YOUR CLASS YEAR ENDS WITH “1” OR “6”, YOU WILL BE HONORED AT THIS YEAR’S HOMECOMING. USE OUR WEBSITE CONTACT INFO TO PLAN REUNION ACTIVITIES!”

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During the weekend of 26-28FEB2016, Tulane NROTC’s Alumni afforded the opportunity for MIDN 2/C Lankford and MIDN 2/C Fisk to attend the 21st annual Naval Leadership Weekend at the University of Notre Dame. While there, they discussed leadership and their development as Naval Officers with some very distinguished guests, from senior enlisted to four star admiral. Sergeant Major Justin Lehew, a recipient of the Navy Cross and Bronze Star with Combat “V”, spoke in-depth to the midshipmen about the crucial value of enlisted personnel in the success of their leaders’ careers and the importance of leading by example. A “Q&A” session, hosted by a panel of junior officers from the surface, submarine, aviation, and Marine Corps communities, provided valuable leadership examples and advice from the perspective of individuals who have just recently made the transition from midshipmen to officers themselves. The panel stressed the vitality of servant leadership and enthusiasm in the workplace in order to inspire the same effort from one’s subordinates. Major General Lukeman, commanding general of training and education command, used his signature idiomatic expressions to drive home the importance of always maintaining composure, taking risks and opportunities with adequate preparation, and treating fellow sailors and marines with the utmost respect.
In conjunction with the rare opportunity of seeing snow was the opportunity to have lunch with Captain Paul Rinn, captain of the Samuel B. Roberts when it struck a mine in the Persian Gulf in 1988, who stressed integrity, initiative, and the paramount importance of giving one’s people the sense that they are the most important asset. Retired Rear Admiral John Kirby, who now serves as an assistant to the Secretary of State for public affairs, and Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao emphasized mastering the art of building relationships, taking risks, and moving forward from mistakes.

In his keynote address, Admiral Philip Davidson, commander of the U.S. Navy’s Atlantic fleet, opened with an explanation of the selflessness that is required in transition from college students ROTC midshipmen to officers responsible for the lives of sailors and marines. He imparted upon the midshipmen wisdom gained throughout his naval career that they may find beneficial: 1) Be ladies and gentlemen by always adhering to your values, 2) Show up, not just physically, but with a positive mentality and work ethic, 3) Be humble and strive to make your team credible and successful, 4) Be grateful for and take advantage of opportunities, and 5) Never makes rules that cannot be enforced. Overall, the event was coordinated and executed exceptionally and served as an invaluable benefit to the midshipmen’s leadership development. (Article submitted by MIDN Lankford and Fisk— photos from the Notre Dame NROTC website)

Tulane NROTC Midshipmen attendance at the 2016 Naval Leadership Weekend was made possible by the exceptional generosity of Mr. John W. Stelly, Jr (class of 1977) who provided airline tickets and CDR (ret.) Fritz Teuscher (class of 1989) and CDR (ret.) Bryan McGrath (The FerryBridge Group, LLC) who each sponsored a midshipman’s conference fee.
The annual Spring Awards Ceremony and Change of Command was held on the Lavin-Bernick Center Quadrangle on April 7, 2016 at 7am. As the sun rose over the field, the midshipmen were presented with awards, the Battalion marched a Pass in Review, and the Unit Midshipmen conducted a Change of Command Ceremony. Your Alumni Association presented two awards to worthy seniors. Morris Gray, Alumni Association President, was honored to give out the awards to two deserving young men.

The Wintle Award, given to an outstanding Navy Option Senior, was bestowed upon Midn 1/C Chance Lavergne. Mr. Lavergne is a native of Alexandria, Louisiana. He will graduate from Tulane University with a degree in Economics and Middle Eastern Studies. He plans to attend Flight School after Commissioning and hopes to fly jets.

The Barrow Award, conferred upon the exceptional Marine Corps Option Senior, was presented to Midn 1/C Samuel Fuller. Mr. Fuller hails from Darien, Connecticut. He will graduate from Tulane University with a degree in Political Economics. He will go to The Basic School in June and would like to specialize in a Combat Arms MOS, specifically to be an Amphibious Assault Vehicle Officer.

Please Help us Sponsor Midshipmen Awards for 2017!
Fallen 5K (April 2, 2016 at 10 am.)
On a gorgeous spring morning, the midshipmen hosted their third Fallen 5K Race. This year the race changed its route and wound through the campus of Tulane University. The Start and Finish Line was just behind the Navy Building. The double loop, flat course meandered past the UC Quad and Newcomb Quad, down past the Riley Center, and along McAlister Blvd. Several runners commented upon the nice mix of sun and shade along the course route. An after party was held between the Navy Building and the Law School on the spit of green lawn where awards were given to the first three male and female finishers. Several alums participated in the race and all participants had a nice time.

Two years ago, the Tulane University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps hosted its 1st annual Fallen 5k, held in commemoration of the officers of Tulane University’s Naval ROTC unit that paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States. Last spring we continued a new tradition with the second Fallen 5k. This event helped raise money for the training and education of midshipmen currently enrolled at the Tulane NROTC unit as well as the Lone Survivor Foundation.

Archive Committee Captures Oral History of RADM Noah H. Long (1965)

RADM Long graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He was commissioned into the Civil Engineer Corps and served two tours in Viet Nam before joining the Navy Reserves where he rose to the rank of Rear Admiral (Lower Half). A prominent Civil Engineer in his civilian career, he rose to the position of President and CEO of Rossier International. Since retiring RADM Long has been active in many civic, veterans, and charitable organization. Visit the Archives to listen to his oral history and view his Biographical Sketch.

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One of the most important events to midshipmen who have selected the Surface Warfare Community is the assignment of their first ship. Over the years, there have been various processes by which this is done. The current process is that the Midshipmen are ranked nation-wide according to their grade point average, aptitude scores, and physical fitness assessments. Then the midshipmen each receive a telephone call in the order of their ranking at which time they select their ship and crew from the remaining available choices. LT Michael Leggett, Tulane NROTC Surface Warfare Advisor sent us the following write-ups on the ship selections made by the Tulane NROTC Class of 2016 Surface Warriors. Midshipmen are listed below in alphabetical order, not the order of selection. (Photos captured from the NROTC Unit Facebook page.)

**MIDN 1/C Brandon Alcorn**, a Quantitative Economics major at Tulane, will be trading his Avon, Indiana home for a warmer one in Mayport, Florida. He's excited to begin working with his new crew, LCS Crew 109, aboard the Navy's newest class of ship: "Crew 109 is the Warhogs and their ship is LCS 9 the USS Little Rock. I'd wanted to pick an LCS since the USS Freedom came on line. The chance to be a part of the Navy's newest class of ship was something I couldn't pass up. I am very excited to get through the lengthy training pipeline and get to my crew and take the ship out to sea." MIDN 1/C Alcorn has distinguished himself with his dedication to the Tulane NROTC unit and his future career in naval service; he looks forward to applying that dedication to his first duties as an Ensign.

**MIDN 1/C Katherine Bertschi**, a Biological Science major from Loyola University New Orleans, is heading to Hawaii to serve on the USS Preble (DDG-88). She decided this ship selection based on her desire to be on a Destroyer and because she fell in love with Hawaii after spending time there for summer training. MIDN 1/C Bertschi is looking forward to applying the work ethic and other professional skills she learned at the Tulane NROTC unit to her time in the fleet. MIDN 1/C Bertschi, a Southold, NY resident, commented that she “can't wait to get out to the ship and back to Hawaii.”
MIDN 1/C Ashley Kiple, a Tulane Quantitative Economics major from Chesapeake, VA is proud to announce being the newest SWO aboard the USS Chaffee (DDG-90) out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. When asked about her decision to go to Hawaii she said "Pearl Harbor has rich naval history all around, from the USS Arizona Memorial to the Battleship Missouri. I am excited to be surrounded by it in my day to day operations." The Chafee’s namesake, a decorated World War II veteran and past SECNAV, further demonstrates her appreciation for the naval tradition and history she will experience in Pearl Harbor. To her the ship selection process is “a culmination of four years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance.”

MIDN 1/C Christopher Shaw, a native of Plaquemine, Louisiana, will be joining LCS Crew 201, stationed in San Diego, CA. MIDN 1/C Shaw commented: “I knew I wanted to be on an LCS because I became interested in them after researching their technology and capabilities.” MIDN 1/C Shaw is a Computer Science major at Dillard University and he’s looking forward to beginning his first duties in sunny San Diego. Despite the challenges associated with being a Surface Warfare Officer, MIDN 1/C Shaw is prepared to use his experiences at Tulane NROTC to guide him forward in his career.

MIDN 1/C Marissa Yepez will be going to Virginia where she'll serve aboard the USS Gravely (DDG-107) out of Norfolk. To MIDN 1/C Yepez, NROTC has shaped her ideas and values by developing “them into those of a professional young adult.” At the same time she recognizes all that she’ll have to learn in her first duty as well as further developing the leadership skills she learned at Tulane NROTC. Despite the challenges she will face in the fleet she is grateful she chose a career that will constantly test her abilities and only continue to develop her as a leader.
Mardi Gras 2016

January 6th in New Orleans heralds the beginning of the Carnival season. This year the festivities ended on Fat Tuesday, February 9th, but it all commenced in earnest a couple of weekends before. The Tulane Naval ROTC Unit participated in a big way. They marched in three Uptown parades: Pontchartrain, Alla, and Tucks. The unit float, Constitution, also rolled in two parades: Alla (with MARS) and Bacchus. The midshipmen always seem to cherish their experiences playing a vital role in Mardi Gras. The crowd loves to see them come by.

It was not just the students of the Unit that had a wonderful time at Mardi Gras. Numerous alumni could be found watching the festivities and calling out “Throw Me Something, Mister”. Alumni were also spotted riding in Alla, Tucks, and more tossing the crowd beads and doubloons. Even more alumni participated by acting as chaperones for marching groups in parades in the city and the surrounding areas.

Finally, the Unit hosted its annual Mardi Gras Drill Meet on Friday, February 5, 2016. Over twenty universities brought groups to participate and test their mettle in the highly anticipated event. They competed in Squad, Platoon, Color Guard, and Individual Drills. According to final score sheets, the overall winners were Texas A&M, Naval Academy, and West Point.

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Welcome Todd Fujimoto!!

The Tulane Naval ROTC Alumni Board welcomed one of its newest members in the fall. Todd Fujimoto is a member of the Class of 1995 and a graduate of the Tulane A.B. Freeman School of Business with a BSM in Marketing. Todd Fujimoto will be your new Board Secretary and is excited and honored to be serving the alumni. He said that having retired from active duty and moving back to NOLA, it's great to be able to interact with the NROTC unit and hopefully give back to an organization that gave him so many opportunities. He remembers all of the great times in NROTC including crawfish boils, marching in Mardi Gras parades, waking up the campus at 0600 for Marine PT, Shipwreck, and Mess Night. But, his best memory isn't really a memory. It's the many friends he made that he still keeps in touch with today. His time in the Marine Corps as a Logistics Officer had him stationed in HI, GA, CA, LA, DC; and it also included two tours in Iraq. Todd said, “It's great to finally start growing some roots after being pretty nomadic my entire life. After traveling around the world a couple of times and seeing lots of different cultures and living in different parts of the country, there's no other place than NOLA for me.”

Click Here to read the rest of the article which includes Gretchen Lowe’s interview with Todd Fujimoto.

Alumni Affairs-Taffrail Log—Welcome Aboard to our newest members.

The following Midshipmen will be commissioned on 13 May 2016. Each will receive a one-year free membership to the Association.

ENS  Brandon Alcorn, USN, will enter the Surface Warfare community.

ENS  Katherine Bertschi, USN, will enter the Surface Warfare community.

2ndLt  Charles Doofe, USMC, will enter the Marine Aviation community.

ENS  Ryan Frederick, USN, will enter the Navy Aviation community.

2ndLt  Samuel Fuller, USMC, will enter the Marine Corps.

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