



Marquette NROTC Alumni & Friends Association Summer 2021 Newsletter

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NROTC UNIT COMMISSIONS 7 NEW OFFICERS 23 MAY 2021

2021 Commissioning returns live and in person for family and friends. (see p. 2)

A&FA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MU NROTC ALUMNI



The unseen adversary of over a year and a half, COVID-19, is still with us and normalcy as yet illusive. But the atmosphere is much more positive this year since the world has a solution at hand in our effective vaccines; it's become a race to inoculate faster than the virus can infect us as we mindfully anticipate the variants. The University is cautiously opening back up and your Alumni and Friends Association has been pressing on behind the scenes, mostly virtually.

Our annual meeting of the membership was Saturday, 5 June, 2021 at 0900 CDT via Zoom. Among other topics discussed were how we put your dues to good use from Treasurer CAPT(Ret) Scott Christensen and Alumnus/a and Young Alumnus/a of the Year by LCDR Austin Helm (nominations are due not later than 15 August). Also if you

don't know who your Class Rep is, it probably means that we don't yet have one for your class, and is an excellent time for you to step up and lend a hand. LT Zach Dueñas is coordinating that effort from active duty in Japan. We heard an update on aspects and events amid COVID-19 from Unit CO CAPT Matt Vandersluis, as well as on the Seapower Leadership Association's efforts to support the midshipmen from President/Chair LtCol (Ret) Albert Lagore. CAPT(Ret) Mike Good briefed us on membership, and Mr. Phil Claiborne on our social media outreach. We hope to hear about networking progress from LCDR Ida Quigley at our next Board meeting.

You will recall that with the COVID-19-caused cancellation of the MU-wide 2020 Reunion weekend, we also postponed our annual NROTC Reunion and luncheon scheduled for 6 June, 2020. This year LCDR(Ret) Ed Taicsich planned our "Open House" virtually immediately after the annual meeting. Those classes who would have normally celebrated their special anniversary years in 2020 (ending in "0" and "5") were combined with this year's. Those who participated made it memorable.

We continue to stress two main areas of concentration:

1. Increasing membership and
2. Broadening outreach

Our third area, last year's "Value Delivery", was subsumed into what LtCol(Ret) Albert Lagore introduced as "Pillars". For 2021 the A&FA Board settled on:

1. Alumni Recognition,
2. Philanthropy,
3. History & Tradition Preservation,
4. Social Networking/Camaraderie and
5. A&FA - NROTC Unit Engagement

At each Board meeting this year we'll do a status check to see how we're faring against these important objective areas.

We have a variety of electronic ways you can participate in communicating with your Shipmates and Alumni Association. Among the positive unintended consequences, COVID-19 necessity has transformed even some of the most reluctant digital converts from "islands" into being networked to good purpose. We now make our quarterly Board meetings available in real time worldwide. Phil Claiborne will go into more depth on the outreach specifics.

Finally, I'd like to again make a pitch for you to support and advance your Alumni Association by volunteering to serve on the Board, as an officer, or one of several key personnel. It doesn't take much time but reaps great returns for your Shipmates. Attached is a membership form for you to pass to alumni who want to join A&FA.

Respectfully,

CAPT Marty Menez, USN(Ret) President and Chairman
Marquette-U. NROTC Alumni and Friends Association

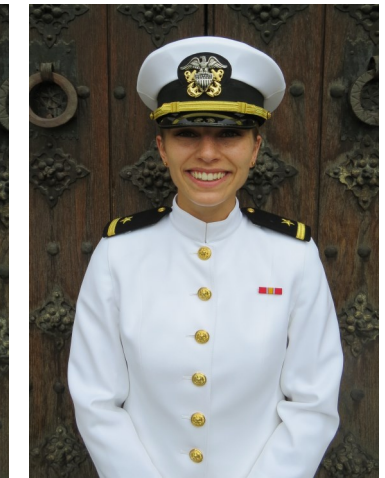


TOP Graduate

ENS Andrew Matticks

Commissioning was a bittersweet end to my NROTC career here at Marquette. Joining the fleet as an officer has been the goal I've been working towards, but Marquette NROTC will always be my first home in the Navy. I am grateful to have been a part of our NROTC unit and for the support structures that are in place to help us be successful during our time here. Having an outstanding benefactor such as the Alumni & Friends Association helps midshipmen like myself by making the NROTC unit a better place, providing access to leadership conferences, and funding our participation in drill meets. Many of the things we do would not be possible without your continued support. You truly have a positive impact on the development of future Navy and Marine Corps officers. I know I speak for everyone in saying that we are extremely appreciative of your generosity. I will always look back with fond memories of my time at Marquette NROTC!

Marquette\MSOE\UW-Milwaukee 2021 Graduating Class of Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants



December 2020 Commissioned



Marquette\MSOE\UW-Milwaukee 2021 Graduating Class of Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants

In total, seven officers were commissioned, five Navy, two Marines in a ceremony held 23 May 2021, live, on campus. One will join the Surface Warfare (SWO) community, one US Navy Nurse Corps, one Naval Aviation, two are headed to USMC "The Basic School" (TBS) and two to Navy Submarines. Five are Marquette students, two are from Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE). **1st Row, (left to right): Ensign Mitchell Bradley, USN**, of White Bear Lake, MN has a Nursing degree from Marquette University and will be stationed at Naval Medical Center - San Diego, CA; **Ensign Joseph Kropidowski, USN**, of Cedarburg, WI majored in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics at MSOE and will head to Naval Nuclear Power Training Command - Goose Creek, SC to join the submarine community; **Ensign Andrew Matticks, USN**, of Oak Park, IL has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from MSOE will join the SWO community aboard USS SAMPSON (DDG 102) out of Everett, WA; **2nd Row, (left to right): 2ndLt Liam Pié, USMC** of Philadelphia, PA majored in Writing Intensive English with a minor in Political Science from Marquette University and will attend The Basic School (TBS) In Quantico, VA; **2ndLt Mary Kate Schmidt, USMC**, of West Bend, WI has a degree in Nursing with a minor in Naval Science from Marquette University and will attend The Basic School (TBS) In Quantico, VA; **Ensign Hailey Smith, USN** of Winthrop Harbor, IL has a degree in Economics from Marquette University and is a naval aviator headed to flight school at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.; **Ensign Marisa Strobel, USN** of Fond du Lac, WI has a degree in Biomedical Engineering from Marquette head to Naval Nuclear Power Training Command - Goose Creek, SC to join the submarine community.

December 2020 graduates, 3rd Row, (left to right): Ensign Maria Alberico, USN from Naples, Italy has a degree in Biomedical Engineering and is a SWO aboard USS BULKELEY (DDG 84) out of Norfolk, VA.; **Ensign Samuel Davis, USN** of Coronado, CA has a Mechanical Engineering degree and is a SWO aboard USS DECATUR (DDG 73) out of San Diego, CA. **Ensign Paul Rosemark, USN** of Rochester, MN has a Civil Engineering degree and is a Naval Pilot at NAS Pensacola, FL. *(Pictured on page2)*

Message from the CO

We have had an interesting year. I started my post last year with, "The world, our country, our state and our universities are in a state of uncertainty and upheaval." Since then, a year later, our country, our Navy, and Universities across the country have reorganized, focused on core competencies, cared for each other, and have persevered through this historic and tragic pandemic. We have learned much about ourselves, about those we live with, about personal liberties, and about service. My hope is that we all come out of these trying times more resilient, empathetic, and focused on those things that make us good human beings and outstanding Naval officers.

There is much reason to be optimistic. Nearly 100 percent of the Unit has received a vaccine and the country seems to be slowly making progress toward getting back to a more normal state. Clearly, we are still battling the Corona virus, and care and caution are still required. With that being said, many of our historic events have had to be cancelled or accomplished virtually. However, the summer training program is a "go" and our Midshipmen are once again be deployed across the country this summer gaining valuable information and experience in Navy and USMC units. I am excited to set them loose and then to hear about their experiences when they return in the fall.

The cancellation of most of our events was unfortunate, but it did allow for us to repurpose available budgets toward a "refresh" of our spaces. Through the generosity of Marquette University and our Alumni Association, we have been diligently working on updating our Unit spaces. Over the last year we have replaced all office and classroom computers, completed a clean out and reorganization of the "pit," refurbished Unit staff offices, upgraded the Midshipman Study and Midshipman Weight Room and are currently working our way through the Midshipmen Female Locker Room and "Ready Room."

I look forward to proudly showing off our spaces to MIDN families, prospective MIDN, and alumni this summer. If you have time in your schedules, please consider swinging by the Unit for a visit.

This will be my last newsletter submission as I am scheduled to retire this summer. It has been a wonderful experience for me to have the honor and privilege of helping to train the next generation of naval officers. My replacement, CAPT Lonnie Appleget, will be arriving in July and the Unit will be in great hands.

All my best, *Skipper Vandersluis*

CAPT Matthew R. Vandersluis, USN



Captain Matthew Vandersluis, USN

To all the supporters of the **Seapower Leadership Association**,



Thank you again for the support of the SLA. What could be considered an antithesis of a normal year, your philanthropic support of our NROTC Program based at Marquette has been, well, normal. And by normal I mean **outstanding**. It is such an honor to serve in this role. And thank you in advance for your continued support.

I remember hearing my first year as the Unit XO back in 2009 how we may need to start planning for a move out of the Old Gym because they would probably be tearing it down soon. Well, besides Coach McGuire's ghost not letting that happen, The Unit is not moving any time soon. I tell you all this because your donations allowed the Unit to execute some self-help and SLA funded improvements to their study lounge and weight room. Strong minds and strong bodies make strong leaders. Again, thank you.

Each year it is a bit of cut-and-paste for this letter to mention the different annual leadership conferences we funded for the midshipmen to attend. This year, it is just a cut. As expected, all in person conferences were canceled. I anticipate them coming back next year with some degree of modification for sure and plan to support as best we can.

To ensure our support of the staff and students did not stagnate, the Board was very open to creative ideas on how to redistribute SLA funds this past Academic year. We again funded parking passes for the cross-town students to share. Anyone who has tried to beat the clock after PT (moving the car before parking meters are activated) knows this is losing battle, and the parking passes allow those students breathing room. Knowing a good portion of the underclassmen are non-stipend/College Program, we supported the purchase of new student kits (Unit polo, shoeshine kits, cold weather gloves, etc). As we do annually, we purchased a Navy officer sword for the top URL graduate and a commissioning kit for the top nurse graduate. We have endeavored to support our newest defenders of the Constitution by funding service or warfare specific professional reading selections for the graduates. In that same vein and to wave the flag of patriotism a bit, we supported the purchase of congratulatory lawn signs for these new ensigns and second lieutenants.

Again, thank you all for your support. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

Albert

LtCol Albert Lagore, USMC(Ret)

President, Seapower Leadership Association

MU NROTC 2021 ALUMNI NOMINATIONS OPEN; DEADLINE 30 AUGUST

Greeting fellow alumni and friends, I hope you are well given this unique year we went through. Please help your Alumni & Friends Association Board by nominating deserving alumni candidates for our 2021 Alumnus/a and Young Alumnus/a Awards. We strongly encourage you to consider the records of fellow alumni and nominate candidates you feel are worthy of special recognition.



Many distinguished alumni have served our country valiantly and honorably during the past 80+ years, both in peacetime, and during every conflict from World War II through Korea, Vietnam, two Gulf Wars and Afghanistan, and many skirmishes in between. Last year, we honored the late William Hayes (Class of 1962) and LCDR Ida Quigley (Class of 2011) as the 2020 Alumnus and Young Alumna of the Year. You can view their acceptance speeches [here](#) and on the next page.

If you know of an alum or classmate that you consider to be worthy of one of these awards, please use the [Award Guidelines and Nomination Form](#) that can be found on the AFA website to put forward the name(s) and documentation of worth Marquette NROTC Alumni Award candidates. Please send them electronically to munrotcalumni@gmail.com by the submission deadline, 15 August 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the awards program, please contact me at Austin.helm1@gmail.com.

Austin

LCDR Austin Helm, USNR, Class of 2008

Alumni Awards Coordinator

2020 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR & YOUNG ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Two Marquette NROTC graduates were honored as 2020 Alumni of the Year via the "virtual" online Fall Ball experience. To read more about our award winners, including a video messages, go to our web page at marquette-nrotc-alumni.org under awards 2020.

William Hayes, III, CLASS OF 1962: 2020 Alumnus of the Year

The 2020 Alumnus of the Year is William Hayes, III, nominated by the Marquette University NROTC Alumni & Friends Association Board. Until his death in January of 2020, Bill was Vice President of the MU NROTC A&FA and awards program coordinator.

After MU, Bill served four years as Marine Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer, Company Commander, and 2nd Marine Division Information Officer.

After his tour of duty at Camp Lejeune, NC, he was stationed to guard the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He spent six months with the Fleet Marine Force in the Mediterranean, aboard the USS OGLETHORPE (AKA 100). Bill spent a month off Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, aboard the USS OKINAWA (LPH 3), during a 1965 rebel uprising. Bill resigned his commission from the Marine Corps as Captain in '66.

Post service, Bill served in many positions at Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co. of Milwaukee in sales, marketing, advertising, training, copywriting and editing. Later, Bill was Corporate Director, National Retail Sales of Stroh Brewery. Returning to his journalism roots, in 1990 he became Senior Account Executive at Grocery Marketing Magazine. He was soon recruited by the Independent Grocers Alliance (IGA) as Associate Publisher/Editor in Chief. While their son Patrick was at Marquette, Bill with wife Carol were co-chairs of the MU Parents Association 1994-96.

Memorials in Bill's name may be made to the Semper Fi Fund: <https://semperfifund.org/donate/ways-to-donate/>.



LCDR Ida T. Quigley, USN : 2020 Young Alumna of the Year



LCDR Ida T. Quigley, USN is the Marquette NROTC Alumni & Friends Association's 2020 recipient of the Young Alumna of the Year award. LCDR Quigley is currently the Officer of Security Cooperation (OSC) Chief, Paramaribo, Republic of Suriname where she advises senior embassy personnel on political-military operations and relations with other nations.

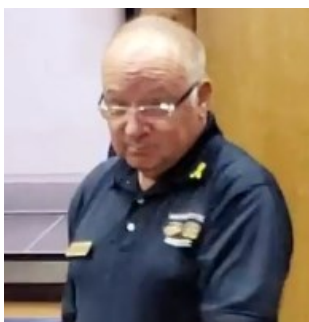
LCDR Quigley graduated from Marquette University in May, 2011 with a degree in Biomedical Sciences and a minor in Theology. After commissioning, her first assignment was as Strike Division Officer on the USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) in Norfolk, Virginia. As a division officer, she led her strike team through the Strike Certification Process and played a vital role as one of the lead Anti-Terrorist Tactical Watch Officers to certify the Leyte for AT. While the Leyte underwent its midlife cycle overhaul, Ensign Quigley was assigned to the USS NITZE (DDG 94) for seven months during its deployment through the Mediterranean Sea, Suez Canal and Persian Gulf in 5th Fleet.

In July 2014 LT Quigley was the Navigator and 1st LT on the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Crew 108. LT Quigley played a major role in the ship's navigation and aviation firefighting certifications leading to the crew's commissioning six months early. Crew 108 was assigned for the commissioning of the USS MILWAUKEE (LCS 5) and stayed aboard until November of 2016. The ship proceeded through 12 Great Lakes locks with 12 arduous sea and anchor details. She was assigned as the Supply Officer Department Head. LCDR Quigley since served as Assistant Program manager for the Littoral Combat Ship Immersive Virtual Shipboard Environment, including participation in Mission Bay trainers, bridge trainers and SPS-73 radar support.

After selection as a Foreign Area Officer, LCDR Quigley received a Masters in National Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School, plus an Intelligence Certificate and completed JMEP I.

Her awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Ribbon, Navy "E" Ribbon 2nd Award, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

REUNION UPDATE: WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2022



Hello MU NROTC Alumni.

Last year, there was no in-person Spring graduation ceremony at Marquette. As a step toward normalcy in 2021, there was an in-person graduation ceremony outside Miller Park (now American Family Field) on May 22nd, with a maximum of two guests so family members could attend. The ceremony was available virtually online.

Similarly, the Marquette University NROTC Class of 2020 were commissioned on Zoom, while the Class of 2021 had an in-person commissioning ceremony with family members May 23rd in the Varsity Theater in Holthusen Hall.

Both the NROTC Unit and the Alumni and Friends Association were looking forward to an in-person Reunion/Open House in 2021, but, like 2020, this was not to be. The 2021 Reunion/Open House was held in conjunction with the June 5th A&FA Annual Meeting by Zoom which was face-to-face by computer screen. This year's MU NROTC virtual Reunion/Open House was a combined reunion for the 50th year Class of 1971 and the 51st for the Class of 1970. Planning for an in-person 2022 Reunion/Open House has not started, but we might combine the Classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 for their 52nd, 51st, and 50th year reunions.

As a reminder, the annual reunion and open house at the NROTC Unit is always open to all alumni who might wish to attend. We look forward to having our alumni back in the Unit spaces next year, in June 2022. Any questions, feel free to contact me.

V/R,
LCDR Ed Taicsich, USNR(Ret), Class of 1976/A&FA Reunion Coordinator
Ph: (847) 714-3056

A&FA Communications and Social Media

One of the main benefits of being an MU NROTC alumnus/a is to be part of a community by keeping in touch with the Unit and your colleagues.

A&FA Communications

Join A&FA now with very nominal 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. Share newsworthy items and job opportunities on Linked In. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Our webmaster Phil Claiborne <philclaiborne@sbcglobal.net> is also always looking for more good content. Please send him input and periodically check out these channels for news, photos and more.

Remember that simply joining an A&FA Social Media group page like Facebook or LinkedIn does not automatically make you a member of A&FA. If you do participate in these social media venues, go also to our website and join online or use the membership form within this newsletter.

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/130634680316129/> [search for "Marquette NROTC Alum Association"] 341 members.

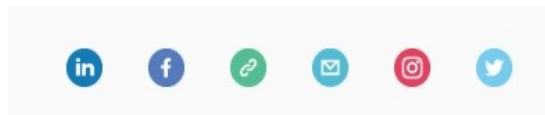
Instagram: [@mu_navy_rotc_alumni](https://www.instagram.com/mu_navy_rotc_alumni/) 125 followers.

Linked-In: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2948410> [search for "Marquette NROTC Alum Association"] 175 members.

Twitter: https://twitter.com/MU_NROTC_Alumni

Email - outgoing: The Association sends announcements via email every now and then to share news of interesting upcoming events and opportunities. Incoming: munrotcalumni@gmail.com

Please note that on our outgoing emails and the website, the link icons below appear at the bottom. You may click-into all the above social media directly without having to type the long URL. Try one or try them all. Each is a great way to keep in touch.



~Phil Claiborne & CAPT Chris Nemeth, USN(Ret), Class of '71
Communications Team

SLA and A&FA Donor Honor Rolls

The following are gratefully acknowledged for their generous financial donations over the past year since our last newsletter of Summer 2020. Our campaign begins in December each year to coincide with end of year charitable giving.

2020 – 2021 Seapower Leadership Association Campaign

This support to the Seapower Leadership Association (SLA) by all the donors below directly benefits Marquette NROTC Midshipman Battalion leadership development activities.

Donor Name	Class
James Derbique	1955
Benjamin Olson	1955
James Skroski	1959
Robert Hoch ¹	1960
John Crusoe	1963
Bill McGovern	1963
James Himmelspach	1964
Michael Krebs	1964
James Lang	1964
Gerald Bolain	1965
John Mack	1965
Paul Hess	1966
John Waschbusch	1966
Anonymous	1968
Carl Lundquist	1968
Martin Menez	1972
Mark Pickett	1972
Dale Thanig	1972
Edward Taicsich	1976
Joseph Ilk	1978
Anonymous	1979
David Elwing ²	1980
Richard Leinenkugel ²	1980
Mark Neuwirth	1980
James O'Connor	1980
David Smith	1980
Paul Fletcher ³	1981
Judy Smith ⁴	1982
James Sullivan	1982
Scott Christensen	1983
Michael Good	1983
Frederick Lohmann	1984
John Haeflinger	1990
Alyssa (Norris) Wilson	2008

Donor Name	Class
Austin Helm	2008
Alyssa Norris	2008
Anonymous	2015
Phil Claiborne ⁵	Friend
Robert DeMatteo	Friend
Else Kelly	Friend

In Honor or Memory of:

¹Robert Flynn, USMC, MU 1960

²Class of 1980

³YNCS Tony Constantini

⁴Class of 1980 initiative

⁵CPL Conner A. Claiborne, USMC

Alumni & Friends Association (A&FA) Operations Donation

Those listed below also supported the Marquette NROTC Alumni and Friends Association (A&FA), sustaining the engagement between the Battalion and alumni / friends.

Donor Name	Class
Bill McGovern	1963
Dwight Naset	1969
Robert Corscadden, Jr.	1980
David Elwing	1980
Judy Smith	1982
Michael Good	1983

2020 Financial Summary of the Marquette NROTC Alumni and Friends Association (A&FA)

In 2020, members paid \$3,911.30 in dues to A&FA and donated an additional \$161.80 to the organization. From these funds, \$1,555.92 was used to pay expenses and the remaining \$2,517.18 bolstered the Association's cash balance which is deposited in a bank checking account. We started last year with total cash of \$13,144.36 and ended 2020 with total cash of \$15,661.54. All 2020 expenses were paid.

The biggest annual expenses in 2020 were the membership management system subscription and video conferencing for remote board meetings. The cancellation of the alumni open house reduced A&FA's 2020 expenses.

~ CAPT Scott Christensen, USN(Ret), Treasurer, Class of '83

2020 Financial Summary of the Seapower Leadership Association (SLA)

In 2020, alumni and friends donated \$9,893.55 to the SLA. Of this amount, \$4,000.00 was spent on support of midshipman activities. Another \$535.00 was used to purchase the naval sword presented in the Spring to the outstanding graduating Navy-option Unrestricted Line midshipman. SLA also paid \$94.04 for a commissioning kit that was awarded to the top Marquette nursing graduate entering the Navy Nursing Corps.

SLA started 2020 with cash in its bank checking account of \$27,643.57 and ended the year with a cash balance of \$32,898.08. Thanks to you your generosity, we were able to support the midshipmen and build the net worth of the SLA for the future.

~ CAPT Scott Christensen, USN(Ret), Treasurer, Class of '83

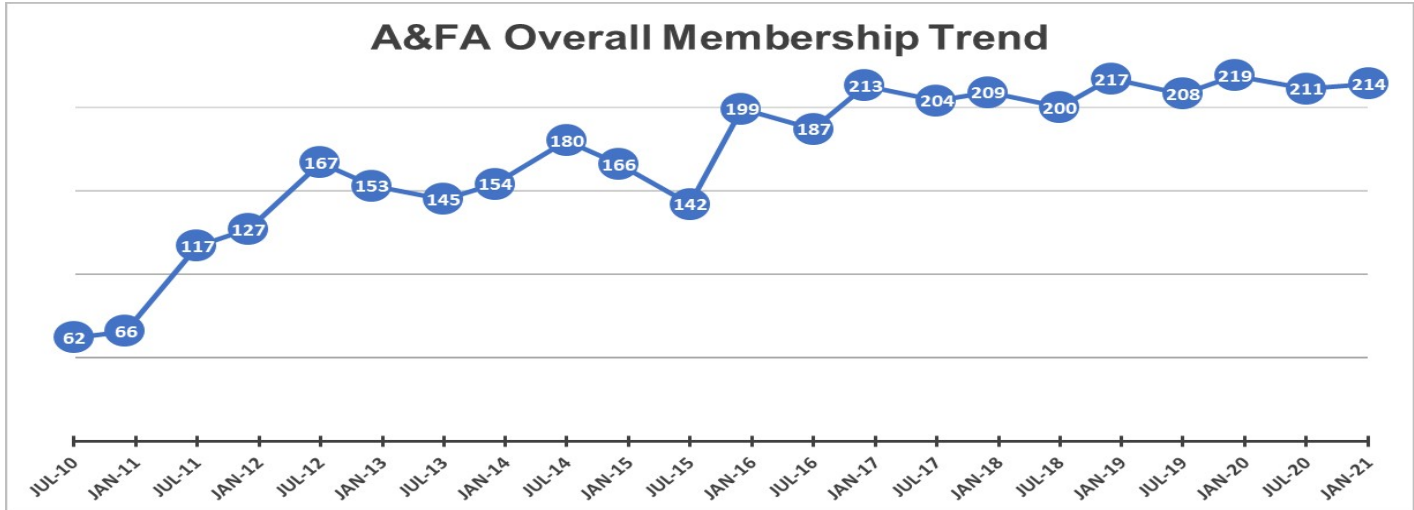
Example of benefits of YOUR MU NROTC Alumni & Friends and Seapower Leadership Associations ...for alumni and future generations of Marquette University naval service officers:

- New Unit sign commemorating 75th Anniversary
- Annual Alumni Open House buffet funding
- Alumni ("Young" and "Old") of the Year recognition
- A&FA website
- MU NROTC history developed/maintained
- Annual drill meet(s) funding
- Annual leadership conferences funding
- Annual Notre Dame Basketball Tournament funding
- New Student Orientation transportation support funding
- Unit polo shirts for Battalion funding support
- Unit emblematic items funding support
- Midshipmen spring break trip funding support
- Midshipmen ironing station funding support
- Captain Phillips movie viewing funding support
- Navy URL Graduate Sword Award
- And more...



Membership – CAPT Mike Good, USN(Ret), Class of '83 (mgood3@att.net)

It is time for another membership leap like we had in 2016. If you forgot to renew in late December or January, please – **RENEW NOW!**



We need the help of all alumni to encourage your classmates to enroll and sustain your Marquette NROTC Alumni & Friends Association. Our committed A&FA membership is the "engine" that propels our operations and initiatives. As part of our **"Every Member - Recruit a Member"** theme again for this 2021 Membership Year, we have established a membership recruiting reward for every current A&FA member who recruits one new member. We ask your help to "rev up" our membership by recruiting one new alum to join their Association.

What's the reward? A MU NROTC Challenge Coin like this:



Here's the "fine print":

- The recruiter needs to be a current dues-paying A&FA member.
- The new member needs to provide us the recruiter name when they submit their membership details and payment. We have updated the "Join Us" page format on our website and the hard copy membership form to capture this input.
- If the new member has been a "free" New Graduate Member for two years after commissioning, but not made the leap to paid dues status, they still "count" as a new recruit.

And...if you bring one of our fellow "lapsed" members back into the fold, we'll also reward your effort.

Our internet "cloud" based membership management system (hosted by Wild Apricot) allows every member access from their own computer. Check us out at: <https://marquette-nrotc-alumni.org>. We have an online sign-up and debit/credit card payment method for dues (and donations) like many non-profits to simplify the membership process. We also make it easy for you to stay connected – in or after your active duty military service – and update your contact info. We will still accept forms and checks mailed the traditional way, but we are already seeing that most members like the online method for its ease of use. Questions? Contact me! My email: mgood3@att.net.

1/1/21 thru 12/31/21 - MEMBERSHIP / CONTACT INFO / SLA DONATION FORM

Sign-up Online: <https://marquette-nrotc-alumni.org/join-us>

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

Name: (w/ Rank if appropriate)	Rank	First	Middle	Last	Maiden Name (If applicable)	Commissioned Year: (if applicable)	<input type="radio"/> Marine <input type="radio"/> Navy <input type="radio"/> Friend
Address:	Street or Unit						
	City / FPO			State	Zip Code+4	Country (if not USA)	
E-Mail Address: (Used for most communications)	Primary:				Alternate:		
Telephone Number:	Home:		Mobile:		Other:		
Recruiting Credit: Only for NEW members who have never paid dues before	If you were recruited for membership, list the current active member who deserves an A&FA recruiting reward.			Recruiter Name:		Class Year:	
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="radio"/> Regular Annual [\$20.00/year] \$		Multi-year payment accepted Multiply \$20 x #yrs desired, up to 5x Make check payable to "A&FA"		<input type="radio"/> Recent Graduate Newly commissioned officer membership is FREE for first 2 years following graduation.		

*As a 501(c)(19) Not-for-Profit Organization, Membership dues and any additional A&FA donation amount are tax deductible as allowable under I.R.S. Section 501(c)(19).

Update of the Midshipmen Lounge supported by Seapower Leadership funding.



Women's Heritage Month, March 2021



The MU NROTC A&FA board wishes to acknowledge LCDR Ida T. Quigley, USN for organizing and promoting Women's Heritage Month by highlighting MU Alumnae on social media who have served and currently serve. LCDR Quigley is a 2011 alumna and currently serves as Office of Security Cooperation Chief in Paramaribo, Republic of Suriname.



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A WWII vet, my grandfather only shared stories about the people he served with, not about the epic battles he fought. So joining the Navy has always been about the people to continue that great legacy.

LCDR ALYSSA WILSON NORRIS
CLASS OF 2008

LCDR ALYSSA WILSON NORRIS, USN, '08



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YOU DON'T SET OUT TO INSPIRE. IF SOMETHING SMALL THAT I DO HELPS OR MAKES A DIFFERENCE, TELL ME WHAT IT IS AND I'LL DO MORE OF IT.

BRIGADIER GENERAL
LORNA MAHLOCK
CLASS OF 1991

BRIGADIER GENERAL LORNA MAHLOCK, USMC, '91



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Since 2012 I have worked as a civilian Nurse Practitioner and my time in the Navy prepared me well. I am so grateful for the educational and operational opportunities I had through the Navy. My friends from Marquette, and throughout my years of service, are truly my extended family.

FORMER CDR ZARADHE YACH
CLASS OF 1997

FORMER CDR ZARADHE YACH, USN, '97




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I joined the Navy to serve my country and see the world. I wanted adventure, and I wanted to pursue roles in leadership. My time as a Surface Warfare Officer gave me all of those things and more.

FORMER LT AND SWO
MEGAN POST
CLASS OF 2012

FORMER LT MEGAN POST, USN, '12


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I am grateful for everything Marquette NROTC instilled in me to be the officer I am today. I am the first in my family to join the military and am honored to have the opportunity to serve my country and the chance to see the world with our amazing Sailors and Marines.

LT NANCY MARTINEZ
ACTIVE DUTY SWO
CLASS OF 2015

LT NANCY MARTINEZ, USN '15



My motivation to join the Navy was rooted in patriotism, supporting the war effort primarily by rehabilitating our Sailors and Marines as a nurse.

LCDR KIRSTEN STRZOK
CLASS OF 2010

LCDR KIRSTEN STRZOK, USN, '10



My brother enlisted in the USMC, his advice played a large role in my desire to join. In addition to that, with the support and advice of my father, I decided to join the officer ranks via NROTC.

MAJOR CAROLYN BLAKENEY
CLASS OF 2007

MAJOR CAROLYN BLAKENEY, USMC, '07



I loved my time at Marquette and also in the Navy, and I am so grateful for the leadership experiences and personal relationships that have helped me throughout my career. I have lots of great stories, and I received the best possible foundation to lead me through to success!

FORMER LCDR LYNN MCCLEAN
CLASS OF 1984

FORMER LCDR LYNN MCCLEAN, USN, '84

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I joined the Marine Corps because the NROTC program provided the opportunity to serve, get an education, and challenge myself to do something I was pretty unfamiliar with!

LT COL (RET.) JANET KEECH
FORMER MU NROTC UNIT XO

**JANET KEECH, LT COL (RET.), USMC,
FORMER MU NROTC UNIT XO**



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My interest in the Navy was sparked when I thought not only about the vast opportunities it could afford me as a career, but also personally with the ability to travel the world.

LCDR (SEL) JACLYN SALVATINI
CLASS OF 2011

LCDR (SEL) JACLYN SALVATINI, USN, '11



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I joined for many reasons; of course, the ultimate reason was to give of myself to the country that gives ME the opportunity to prosper and freely choose how I live my life.

FORMER LT GRACE THORSTAD
CLASS OF 2014

FORMER LT GRACE THORSTAD, USN, '14




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I was a Sophomore in high school on 9/11 and after that day, I knew I wanted our military men and women - both active and retired- and their families were the people I wanted to help so I decided I wanted to be a military nurse!

LCDR LAUREN HOCHART
NAVY NURSE
CLASS OF 2009

LCDR LAUREN HOCHART, USN, '09

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I joined the military thanks to my dad. I come from a military family so growing up around it, I knew I wanted it to continue to be a part of my life. I saw how the friendships you make there are like no other. They really become your family away from home. I knew I wanted that in my life.

FORMER LT AND NAVY NURSE
MADDIE GILLETTE
CLASS OF 2011

FORMER LT MADDIE GILLETTE, USN, '11



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When I was at Marquette, there weren't a lot of midshipmen who looked like me. I was the first Vietnamese American MU NROTC graduate. We started with 11 women and ended with only 5. I want all the young leaders to know that there is a seat reserved for you at the table, even if you don't see yourself reflected there yet.

LtCOL DOROTHY NGUYEN HINKLEY
CLASS OF 1997

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LtCOL DOROTHY NGUYEN HINKLEY, USMC, '97



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I joined initially to pay for college, but quickly realized that being a leader in the nursing profession, while also serving my country was something few could say they did. I knew that this is what I was called to do!

CDR (RET.) CYNDY HOOVER
CLASS OF 1996

CDR (RET.) CYNDY HOOVER, USN (RET.), '96



LCDR MADIE HANSEN, USN

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I am so thankful every day for my time in the Navy. I know it makes me a better nurse to my patients and a better person overall. I love building relationships with the veterans at the VA and I am so honored to truly be making a difference in the lives of my fellow veterans every day. Go Navy!

FORMER LT SHANNON JENSEN
CLASS OF 2008


FORMER LT SHANNON JENSEN, USN, '08



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I wanted to join the Navy because I grew up in a pretty small town in rural MN where not much happens and I was looking for a way to see the world. Through ROTC I was able to have college paid for and a guaranteed job when I graduated. Looking back it was the absolute best decision I could have made - graduating in 2008 in the midst of the Great Recession could have been disastrous but it was the beginning of a really wonderful and exciting journey.

FORMER LT AND NUKE SWO JEANA FEELY
CLASS OF 2008

FORMER LT JEANA FEELY, USN '08



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I joined the Navy to simply be better. A better person, woman, friend, and family member. I believe the navy has helped me achieve that goal teaching me so much about myself. Distinguishing women in positions of leadership and of expertise allows people - of all ages - to recognize and celebrate the progress women have made in the last century. It is critical that we show our sons and daughters, and people in general, that gender does not dictate success.

LCDR LAURABETH BROGDON
CLASS OF 2009

LCDR LAURABETH BROGDON, USN, '09

