NROTC Alumni Society Receives Outstanding Society Award for 2013

The Outstanding Society Award is presented to Societies which actively support their current students, the University and the community. These groups have met the lion’s share of criteria specified by the OSU Alumni Association. Support of the NROTC Unit, Community service, our Scholarship fund, meetings, communications and our tailgate reunion contributed to our selection for this prestigious award.

Upcoming Events

* Midshipman Social / Alumni Get Together - October 18 1830 Varsity Club (RSVP to Armand.Townsend@dcma.mil)

* OSU vs. Iowa - Alumni Reunion Tailgate October 19 Time 1200 Converse Hall. (Kick Off 1530)

* Board Meeting – December 5 1830 Converse Hall

* Commissioning Ceremony December 14 1000 Converse Hall

New PNS

Captain Donald R. Cuddington, JR recently assumed command of The Ohio State University NROTC. A native of Goldsboro, North Carolina, He was commissioned through the NROTC program at the University of North Carolina in 1986. Captain Cuddington is a Naval Aviator and his command tours have included HSL-48 and PHIBRON FIVE. The Society wishes him the best and hopes that he enjoys his time in Buckeye County.

Ryan Montgomery
Home Town: Parma, Ohio
Major: Hospitality Management
Prior Military Service: 8 years enlisted, 6 as an Air Traffic Controller at MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina. Deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.
NROTC/OSU Activities: Officer Candidate School Prep Instructor, Sierra Detachment Instructor, NROTC Rifle and Pistol Team Armorer.
Service Plans: After completion of The Basic School, hopes to be assigned as an 1802, Tank Officer.

Alexander Gilson Blair
Home Town: McLean, VA
Major: Aerospace Engineering
NROTC/OSU Activities: Sierra Detachment
Service Plans: Navy EOD

December Graduates

Heather Pickett Roznowski
Home Town: Sistersville, WV
Major: Atmospheric Science
Prior Military Service: US Navy, 8 years
NROTC/OSU Activities: Meteorology Club
Service Plans: Oceanography Officer
But for Ohio State

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The Office of Academic Affairs works earnestly with OSU’s Naval ROTC (NROTC) program to ease the financial burden of its diligent midshipman. Students undergo rigorous training in the classroom and in the field, on top of their normal course load. They gain the physical fitness, strength, and leadership skills to graduate into the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps and lead and defend our country. For their sacrifice, we are honored to show them our support. Last spring, $21,000 in scholarships was awarded to deserving individuals at the annual NROTC Color Parade. Of course, OAA owes many thanks to the NROTC Alumni Society for its constant fundraising and generous contributions to the program.

Since the start of the “But for Ohio State” campaign which kicked off in January 2009, the NROTC department has raised $233,602.08 to support midshipman at The Ohio State University. Please let us extend our thanks and appreciation to you - the alumni and friends who have been so generous with their philanthropy.

If you are interested in learning more about supporting the NROTC, please contact The Office of Academic Affairs at (614) 292-9443 or at scholarships@osu.edu. To contribute to the NROTC Alumni Scholarship Fund use the fund number 645122 at giveto.osu.edu.

Alumni Society and NJROTC Community Service Project

The two organizations once again joined forces with Operation Flag on September 7th. Cadets and Society members repaired and reset headstones at the Scioto Valley Cemetery. The weather was great and helping the Cadets is always worth your time (and just a little sweat). Contact Tom Lennon (gtlennonjr@aol.com) if you can help with future projects.

Midshipman Life – Present Day
The Society regretfully reports the loss of three graduates of the OSU NROTC Unit. Our condolences are extended to their families and friends.

Dr. Forrest L. Flewellen, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, died July 16, 2013. Dr. Flewellen graduated from Columbus West High School in June 1946 and The Ohio State University in 1950. As a member of the first OSU NROTC class, he was also the Unit’s first minority Midshipman. After graduation, he attended Columbus Pacific University and completed degrees in Neuropsychology and Business Management. His employment included 30 years of service at the Defense Construction Supply Center. As a very active Alumni Board, he was the driving force behind the Society’s Flag Hall of Fame. He was also the editor of The Seawolf which he started as a Midshipman in 1948.


Philip E. (PHIL) Kepple died September 20, 2012. A Springfield native, he graduated from The OSU NROTC unit in June 1950. Commissioned as a Supply Corps Officer, Phil served during the Korean War. He then joined U.S. Naval Reserve, where he reached the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Phil was a banking officer for 35 years, retiring from Security National Bank in 1993. His community service included Oesterlen—Services for Youth as a board member and treasurer for 42 years.