

2022 OSU NROTC Alumni Society Reunion Hot Washup

Greetings To Society Members, Friends and Associates,

The 2022 OSU NROTC Alumni Society Annual Reunion took place September 22 through 24.

Events kicked off on the 22nd with the traditional Midshipmen Social at the Varsity Club. 17 midshipmen, 15 alumni and spouses and 5 unit staff were present. The gathering in the VC basement bar included beverages, pizza and sandwiches. This event is always fun for all and presents a chance for current students to interact with alumni to gain insights about their future Navy and Marine Corps careers from those of us who have been there. Bravo Zulu to Board Member Henry Phillips for organizing the Social.



Steve Drefahl Chats with Midshipmen



Tom Lennon Addresses The Gathering



Brian Ginnane, George & Penny Wallace & Sam

On Friday noon at Remembrance Park we participated in the annual Tri-Service ROTC and the OSU Military Community Advocate Program Major Lawrence Miller Flag Raising Event. The ceremony is a celebratory occasion where all three ROTC units come together to replace the Remembrance Park flag and then replace all other American Flags on campus. Major Lawrence Miller was enlisted in the Navy before matriculation at Ohio State. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Air Force and served a career total of 28 years. He was also a dedicated benefactor of OSU and worked in university leadership positions for 35 years. Our

NROTC unit sponsored this year's ceremony. Society Board Member Colonel Charles Smith USMC '95 was the keynote speaker. His daughter MIDN 2/C Emma Smith was the event's emcee. Society President Steve Drefahl represented the Alumni at the ceremony.



COL Charles Smith delivers his remarks
 MIDN 2/C Emma Smith standing
 PNS CAPT Darrell Canady seated

On Friday evening a very special alumni supper was held at the LeSage Room on the campus of Capital University. Board Member Paul Matthews, the Capital University Director of Facilities Management organized the event and provided a spectacular evening of food and fellowship for 18 alumni. Bravo Zulu to Paul for lovely evening in a beautiful venue.



Supper Program and Menu



The Dessert Table Look at that Cake



Tom Lennon Cuts The Cake



What a Good Lookin' Crew



President Steve Drefahl Addresses the Gathering

And on Saturday afternoon the annual Midshipman / Alumni Tailgate was held on the lawn in front of Converse Hall. The tailgate preceded the OSU v Wisconsin football game. (Poor ol' Bucky Badger and his team did not fare so well 😊). 28 midshipmen and parents, 20 alumni and spouses and 6 unit staff members enjoyed the barbeque and camaraderie. The grill was manned by a cooperative effort of midshipmen and alumni. A huge thank you to Board Vice President Brian Ginnane for organizing the event.



Picnic Tent Purchased by The Society for the Unit



Middies Chowin' Down



Tom Mans The Grill



Folks enjoying the fare



Alums Socializing

The reunion was a resounding success. All events were well planned and carried out. Alumni who attended reported having a GREAT TIME. **We also want to thank** the NROTC unit midshipmen and staff who assisted the Society in planning and making the reunion possible.

LET'S DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR! WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US!

THANK YOU ALL for your continued membership and support of our **very worthy mission** to support the Sea Service leaders of tomorrow as they strive to earn their degrees and commissions.

Very Respectfully,

The Ohio State University Alumni Society Board of Governors