



Badger Shipmate

2021 / 2022 GRADUATES

Summer / Fall 2021 Commissioning

Three midshipmen were commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants in mid to late 2021: Jacob Friend and David Harris (August 2021), and Tory Armstrong (October 2021).

Winter 2021 Commissioning

Captain John Barnett, Commanding Officer of the University of Wisconsin NROTC Unit, administered the oath of office to three new officers - Ensign Michael Elwing, Ensign Abraham Hernandez, and Ensign Karl Zimbauer on 18 December 2021, within the Senate Chamber of the Wisconsin State Capitol. Ullis Hekel, former Unit CO and XO, provided a blessing and presented the new officers with professional books on behalf of the Association. In the late winter, the trio reported to the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, SC, for their start of submarine officer training.



Navy's Newest UW Ensigns – Spring 2022



*Congrats and
all the best as
we welcome
these new
alums!*

Seven midshipmen were commissioned on 14 May 2022 at the Monona Terrace in Madison. Calvin Poche, Michael McCabe, Ryan Bloom, Tyler Fredrick, Jake Ramos, and Charles Koehler were commissioned as Ensigns in the United States Navy and John James was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT— A REPORT TO OUR MEMBERS

Hello SeaBadgers!

With the impact of Covid now receding, the world can return somewhat to life as it was before March 2020. For our Alumni Association, this means greater engagement with the Badger Battalion and our membership. The Board has kept busy since our Annual Reunion in October 2021, and the efforts of that work are paying off. I cannot express enough my thanks to the Board of Directors for applying their energy and skills to ensure the success of our Association. I also want to note that three new Board members immediately stepped up to lead committees— with Paul Gilmartin as Fundraising Chair, Phil Midland as Communications Chair, and Henry Scheller leading membership.

The support of our Association through your dues and donations is the lifeblood of providing support to the Badger Battalion and covering our operating costs. Your generosity reflects our shared support for the Naval ROTC program at Wisconsin and the bond we share across all generations of SeaBadgers. Our financial position is strong, and we continue with a goal of

achieving a level of investment that provides awards financed by the growth of our accounts.

My only request of our membership is that you continue to support our engagement efforts and return to Madison to meet old friends again and the Battalion. Your knowledge and life experiences greatly benefit the Battalion and augment the Unit Staff's career experiences. We will always welcome volunteers to support a committee, serve as presenters for our Voices of Experience and Fleet Nugget speaker series, or assist in our Reunion Weekend. And your commitment does not have to be continuing – every bit of support helps. Looking forward, I hope you will consider visiting Madison this Fall for the Reunion Weekend on 30 September and 1 October. Our Association and the Battalion will be better and stronger with your presence.

On Wisconsin!

Scott A. Robinson, '82



EARLY FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO BE IN MADISON! 2022 REUNION WEEKEND

We hope you plan to join us this September 30 with an evening social with the Badger Battalion at the Unit. We will host a standup dinner and soft drinks from 1730 -2000 to reconnect with fellow Alumni and engage with the Badger Battalion. After we depart, we will rendezvous at an alternate location for a hotwash and trade sea stories.

On Saturday, 1 October, we will conduct our Annual Business Meeting, hold a Board of Directors meeting, and hopefully have a tailgate before the Badgers take on the Illinois Fighting Illini.

Please refer to the UW NROTC Alumni Association email sent on 1 July regarding the reunion weekend details and the purchase of event and football tickets.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



As we wrap up the academic year, I'd like to take a moment to express my appreciation for the support that the UW NROTC Alumni Association provides the Battalion of Midshipmen. Several new initiatives, including the Voices of Experience and Fleet Nuggets series, have enhanced the training and mentorship for midshipmen of all classes.

These “strategic” and “tactical” talks have opened the aperture significantly, improving our midshipmen’s understanding of world events and security challenges and the role that they, as junior officers, will play in supporting U. S. policy and the defense of U. S. security interests worldwide. Thank you for making the connections with ADM Bobby Inman, ADM Paul David Miller, and various experienced officers of all designators in the fleet and Marine Corps who engaged with the Battalion.

Our Battalion of Midshipmen fully returned to in-person learning this academic year as the impact of Covid retreated. It is genuinely beneficial for them to experience the Leadership Lab face-to-face - to apply leadership principles and explore problem-solving in real time. As we transition to summer training, I am happy to report that all will be afforded the opportunity to train with a Fleet Navy or Marine Corps unit, participate in COR-TRAMID, or attend NSI (Naval Science Indoctrination) at Great Lakes Naval Station.

Finally, I offer a hearty congratulations to the seven Midshipmen commissioned on May 14th. You have all performed exceptionally well in the Leadership Lab of NROTC – I know that you will be extraordinary Junior Officers and represent your alma mater with distinction. BZ!

WELCOME CAPTAIN BARNETT!

A native of Clearwater, Fla., CAPT Barnett graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Transportation. He was subsequently commissioned in the United States Navy through the Merchant Marine Reserve program. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College.

Afloat, Barnett has served as Communications Officer aboard USS THORN (DD 988), as Landing Craft Utility (LCU) Detachment Officer-in-Charge at Assault Craft Unit 2, as Operations Officer on USS HARPERS FERRY (LSD 49), forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan, and as Operations and Plans Officer on the staff of Amphibious Squadron 11. In January 2011, he reported as Executive Officer of USS TORTUGA (LSD 46), forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan, and assumed command in July 2012. In August 2013, he assumed command of USS ASHLAND (LSD 48) following a hull swap with TORTUGA. During this tour he participated in Operations Tomodachi and Damayan, disaster relief operations in Japan and the Philippines, respectively. In December 2016, Captain Barnett reported as Executive Officer of USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22), assuming Command in June 2018. During both command tours, Barnett’s superb crews earned the Battle “E” award and the Retention Excellence Award. He also commanded USS GREEN BAY (LPD 20) from March to June 2020.

Ashore, Barnett has served as instructor and curriculum developer at the Surface Warfare Officer’s School in Newport, RI. He has also completed JPME Phase I and the Naval Operational Planner’s Course at the Naval War College, and JPME Phase II at the Joint Forces Staff College. He has also served as an operational planner in the Plans and Policy Directorate on the staff of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and on the staff of the NATO Joint Warfare Centre in Stavanger, Norway.

At his most recent command, Barnett was the CO of Amphibious Squadron 1, a San Diego based squadron comprised of USS ESSEX (LHD 2), USS PORTLAND (LPD 27) and USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD 52).

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NAVAL ROTC 2022 SPRING AWARDS



At the 23 April 2022 Spring Ball and Awards Ceremony, academic, leadership, and scholarship awards were presented to standout students of the Badger Battalion. Alumni Association Awards** provided \$17,500 in addition to awards sponsored by other supporters and friends of the Badger Battalion. The following stellar Badger Battalion students were recognized this Spring:

<i>Don Alf Award**</i>	MIDN 1/C Calvin Poche
<i>Norman K. Billipp Award**</i>	MIDN 1/C Methani Leslie
<i>Major Norman K. Billipp Award</i>	MIDN 1/C David Morof
<i>Freshmen Spirit Award**</i>	MIDN 4/C Amelia Sitzberger
<i>LCDR John S. Lyman Merit Scholarship**</i>	MIDN 3/C Benjamin Torine; MIDN 4/C Matthew Green
<i>Capt David J. Leuder, USMC, Merit Scholarship**</i>	MIDN 2/C Savannah Houdeshell; MIDN 2/C Nathan Poches
<i>Col Stephen Dinauer Award**</i>	MIDN 1/C John James
<i>LT Mitch Pulver Award**</i>	MIDN 1/C Jake Ramos
<i>CDR William Arnold Award**</i>	MIDN 1/C Michael McCabe
<i>CAPT John W. "Swede" Peterson Award</i>	MIDN 2/C Sawyer Blazar
<i>Timothy E. Meyer Award</i>	MIDN 3/C Steven Aguirre-Hernandez
<i>Maj Dennis A. Dogs Award</i>	MIDN 1/C John James
<i>LTJG D.N. "Nick" Norris Award</i>	MIDN 1/C David Bondi
<i>ENS Duane J. Hofhine II Award</i>	MIDN 1/C Tyler Fredrick
<i>Lieutenant Junior Grade</i>	MIDN 1/C Ryan Bloom
<i>Charles D. Collins, Jr. Award</i>	
<i>Hilldale Scholarships</i>	MIDN 3/C Benjamin Torine; OC Ian Thurston; SSGT Samuel Debolt
<i>Navy League of Madison Superior Academic and Leadership Award</i>	MIDN 1/C Jake Ramos
<i>University of Wisconsin Naval ROTC Sailors' and Marines' Scholarship Award</i>	OC Alexis Brooks; SSGT William Ratajczyk
<i>The Navy Submarine League Award</i>	MIDN Calvin Poche
<i>Madison Area Naval Reserve Officer Community Award</i>	MIDN 1/C Jake Ramos

ANOTHER GENERATION OF GENEROSITY

One of our major donors, Bill Kirkpatrick, carries on the family tradition of giving – giving to those who serve. Bill and Lois Arnold established the Arnold Award honoring their son, William Tamm Arnold, Class of 1963 who was lost in Vietnam. The award was continued by Bill Arnold’s sisters Suzanne Redenius and Jane Kirkpatrick. And in 2021 Jane’s son, Bill Kirkpatrick, the third generation of Bill Arnold’s family, is continuing the Arnold Award.



Bill Kirkpatrick pledged an annual contribution of \$10,000 to the association. His contribution established two new awards, increased award amounts for the Arnold Award, and established a financial aid grant for the Badger Battalion. Not only does he continue the family’s philanthropic goodness, he and his family continue the Badger tradition as UW-Madison alums.

The two new awards: Col Stephen Dinauer Award honors Marines, Wisconsinites, and his dear friend and role model, Steve (Class of 1986); LT Mitch Pulver Award honors the Surface Navy, Wisconsinites, and his nephew Mitch.

The Kirkpatrick’s established two new awards in 2022 honoring Col Steve Dinauer, USMC (Alum, Class of 1986) and LT Mitch Pulver. Enjoying the fabulous 2022 Spring Ball is (from left to right), Susan and Bill Kirkpatrick, Steve Dinauer, Mitch and Anne Pulver.

JOIN THE ASSOCIATION!

Your membership dues and donations help bond the Badger Battalion - past, present, and future! Membership is available to all UW NROTC Alumni and supporters of the Unit. Membership is for the calendar year.

Membership Dues:

- Annual Membership, \$25
- 5-Year Membership, \$100
- Lifetime Membership, \$300

To join or renew please visit the Membership tab on our website at: [Join or Renew](#) or mail a check payable to the UW NROTC Alumni Association to:

University of Wisconsin Naval Reserve
Officers Training Corps Alumni Association
P.O. Box 5205
Madison, WI 53705

WHAT’S NEW WITH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

Since the beginning of 2022, you may have seen some new initiatives start to play out. We have a new website and have formed a variety of new committees who are making things happen!

Our Awards Committee brought online two new sponsored Awards and an updated award, and the Fundraising Committee is setting new goals and looking to make our approach to donations genuinely world-class. A call to serve on the Board of Directors is the focus of our Nominating Committee. The Membership Committee is driving new outreach approaches to build our membership numbers and laying out the case for why full membership is the smart choice.

ALUMNI MAILBAG!

George J. (Jim) Anderson '48. While in my senior year in high school, in 1943, I signed up for the Navy V-5 (pilot training) program, and after graduating in June 1945, was activated, and assigned to a school in Minot, ND. In October 1945, we were changed from V-5 to V-12 (deck officer training) and shipped to UW Madison. In June 1946, I was discharged as a Seaman Second and enrolled in the NROTC program. On a summer cruise, in 1947, I served as Midshipman Commander, M-1 (gunnery) Division, on the aircraft carrier USS Leyte (CV-32), a most intensive and rewarding experience.

On graduating, in June 1948, I was offered a regular commission as an Ensign, but with the Navy shrinking at that time, accepted a reserve commission and went to work for Shell Oil. I remained in the reserves until 1959 but being classified as an "essential" worker in crude oil production, saw no active Navy duty. With Shell, I moved frequently and held a number of different positions, precluding my attaching myself to a reserve unit.

I retired from Shell in 1986 and moved to the small Hill Country town of Lampasas, an hour north of Austin, Texas, where I've led an active and satisfying life as a volunteer and elected official.

My service in the Navy, while relatively brief, was exciting and meaningful, and prepared me well for the rest of my life. I've enjoyed my association with the UW NROTC Alumni, and it keeps me in touch with a very significant period in my life.

Bob Pike '60. After graduation and commissioning in June 1960 I reported to Pensacola for flight training, earning my wings in September 1961. I spent nine years on active duty which included 2 squadron tours, a Master's in International Relations from American University, 2600 + flight hours and over 400 carrier landings. I joined Delta Air Lines in 1970 and over the next 29 years flew the DC-8, DC-10, L-1011, B-727, B-767 and retired in 1999 as an International Captain. Since then, I have split my time between the Atlanta area and Truckee, CA, traveling, playing golf, skiing, and attending Beer Festivals around the world.

George W. Jackson, CAPT, USN (ret) '69. After graduation I went directly into the Nuclear Power program and served for 30 years. Some of the highlights included a tour at Naval Reactors headquarters in Crystal City where I had the pleasure of interfacing with Admiral Rickover one-on-one about once a month after debriefing prospective officers for the program. I am one of the few who unfortunately had the Admiral's undivided attention as he had me tell him all the Admiral Rickover stories, that I could remember. Other highlights included command of three nuclear submarines and five years as the Chairman of the Joint Military Operations Department at the Naval War College where I had the pleasure of leading 38 professors in educating mid-grade and senior officers of all services in joint operational concepts. One (Admiral Mullen) went on to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Following forced retirement at the end of June 1999, I tried teaching math and physics for five years and then decided to try writing. I have two novels to my credit under the pen name G. William Weatherly the first of which won the gold medal for literary fiction from the Military Writers Society of America and is in the Library of Congress. My wife of 48 years and I recently moved to Colorado and when I finish getting my office and considerable library setup, I hope to continue the saga of Captain Sheppard McCloud in an alternative history of WWII.

Bob Taylor '69. I graduated in '69 and wasn't one of the stars of the unit. As a result, the navy assigned me to the USS Chemung AO 30 then the second oldest ship (1939) in the navy. A great captain with a sense of humor (rare for COs) made it a good experience. From there it was Vietnam and river operations on USS Krishna (ARL 38) as engineering officer. Had defense secretary Mel Laird (who I knew) called me, I could have told him Vietnamization wasn't going to work. Then the navy thinking I was a world class engineer assigned me to Service Group Three staff dealing with emergency engineering problems with Seventh Fleet. What a mess Kitty Hawk was! Post navy I represented hospitals with the Wisconsin Hospital Association the last 15 years as CEO. Now it's grandkids and our second home in Door County. We still live in Madison and follow the Badgers.

Alexander Purdue, Col, USAF (ret) '70. Like many of the men and women mentioned in the Alumni Mailbag, my path after leaving Madison was anything but straight. After 2 years aboard the old USS Eldorado (LCC-11) cruising WestPac at the tail end of the war in Vietnam, and then a fantastic tour of various Mediterranean beaches while serving as OIC of a deployed Beachmaster Unit 2 detachment, I left active duty to attend law school. After graduating and passing the bar, I accepted a U.S. Air Force commission and enjoyed a wonderful, 26-year career as a JAG in a slightly lighter shade of blue. Those years included several tours as a base Staff Judge Advocate, two tours in Germany (both before and after the Berlin Wall came down) and culminated with 3 years as Chief Trial Attorney of the Air Force. After retiring in 2003, I accepted a position as Deputy General Counsel at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. I finally re-retired in 2015. Since then, I've spent most of my time traveling and serving on the boards of several local non-profits and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Laboratory in Palo Alto. My wife, Sheri (a Wisconsin girl from Racine) and I have thoroughly enjoyed every assignment and every step of way during the last 50 years. Although it's been a long time since I last donned a Navy Blue uniform, I still have a soft spot for all of the grey ladies afloat, and we revisit old haunts in San Diego as often as possible. Sheri and I were hoping to get back to Madison last October to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our graduation, but the current pestilence pretty well trashed those travel plans. One of these days, though, we will manage to get back-hopefully for a Homecoming Weekend and to enjoy a football game. UW's teams have certainly been better in the last few years than they were while we were in school-I was a senior before we ever saw the Badgers win a game! ***On Wisconsin!***

Kathy (Johnson) DiMaggio, CAPT, USN (ret) '78. I've successfully retired from two careers and am settling in our new home in Gig Harbor, WA. I had 10+ years in the defense industry and a fabulous 25-year Navy career with tours on Midway Island, Iceland, Japan, both coasts in the USA and more. Most my career was in information technology, and I commanded the Naval Telecommunication Station - Far East (7th Fleet support, Japan & Korea). Fortunately, I was on the opposite side of the Pentagon on 9/11 but being on the Joint Staff (J6) proved to be exciting. I retired in the Hall of Heroes, with my brother, RADM Steve Johnson, USN (ret) '77, presiding. My granddaughters, new house, sailing and being on our Alumni Association's Board keep me very busy and very entertained.

ALUMNI MAILBAG!



*Left photo: the Battalion is formed with Alpha Company on the viewer's right and Bravo on the left, with Battalion Staff in the background. Note the old classroom in the middle of the drill deck on left. Right photo: then LT Ken Green jogging on USS CARR (FFG-52) during the Sept 1987 Atlantic crossing on the way to the Persian Gulf. Photos courtesy of **Ken Green, CAPT, USN (ret) '85**.*

Maj Ray Pflederer, USMC '82 and son Capt Jakob Pflederer, USMC '13. Reviewing the October 2020 Badger Shipmate brought back some memories. I was in the Unit as a Midn 4/c when James Sumner was commissioned. Reading about Lt Pankow reminded me of the time that I (much to my horror) spilled a drink all over his dress blues during the Navy Ball in 1980. When I saw that Mike Zupke is a member and Scott Robinson is a life member, I decided it was time for me to pony up and join the Association as well.

After Commissioning in 1982 my first assignment was a two-year tour with 2nd Battalion 9th Marines as an infantry officer. Next, I did a three-year tour on a Joint Duty assignment in New Orleans. After that I went to Marine Observation Squadron 2 (VMO-2) in Camp Pendleton as a Supporting Arms Coordinator (Airborne). During Desert Storm I flew 27 combat missions in the OV-10 and helped encourage the Iraqi Army to vacate Kuwait. In 1993 I took VSI (Voluntary Separation Incentive) and returned to Wisconsin. First, I ran a flight school in Oshkosh. Then I flew for Air Wisconsin, now I'm Captain on a widebody jet for FedEx. And I have a 1945 AT-6 that I keep at the Sturgeon Bay airport so I can fly aerobatics when I'm home.

Jakob was commissioned in 2013 and did a 3-year tour with the 31st MEU out of Camp Hanson, Okinawa. He deployed on several ships, including the USS Green Bay. He's out now and working in Human Resources for UW Platteville.

Jesse Stoffel, LCDR, USN (ret) '00. A native of Madison, I was an Officer Candidate at the unit in the NECP program (Enlisted Commissioning Program (Nuclear Option). After the Nuclear Power Pipeline, I served aboard USS MICHIGAN (SSBN, later SSGN 727), as the Combat Systems Officer on USS DALLAS (SSN 700) and as the Executive Officer aboard USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737), with a couple of instructor tours at Nuclear Power Training Unit Ballston Spa thrown in for good measure, and attended the US Naval War College in Newport, RI. For the last 5+ years I've been working with Naval Nuclear Laboratories in Upstate NY staying connected to the Navy's nuclear power pipeline, helping to make sure my Badger Shipmates make it to the fleet ready to operate our submarines and aircraft carriers.

ALUMNI MAILBAG!

Sam Herbst, CDR, USN (ret) '01. I got rung off of a ship for the final time in May of 2021. I had 20 years of fun in the Navy including 8 sea tours on 5 types of ships, 1 assignment in Germany, 5 deployments, and countless hours out to sea. For my last tour, I commanded DDG 86, USS SHOUP and had the honor of combining a change of command and retirement. Heather (UW '00) and I settled in the Seattle area after the Navy. Our 3 kids are absolute Pacific Northwesters now. Our Virginia dog would prefer moving south, but you can't please everyone! After the Navy, I found an amazing role with Amazon where I have had the opportunity to lead and manage people at a first in class Amazon robotics delivery station.

Michael Knickerbocker, CDR, USN '05. I had a busy Spring while serving as a Federal Executive Fellow at the Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas at Austin. I was published 4 times, including articles in the National Interest and The Hill, and served as a panelist on EVs for the American Security Project. I'm wrapping up my time here and heading to take over as the Surface Safety Division Head at the newly minted Naval Safety Command (upgraded from Naval Safety Center in wake on the Bonhomme Richard fire).

Paul Roszko, CDR (sel), USN '06. I took a slightly different route after graduating from Madison, as I was commissioned into the Navy's medical corps and started medical school at the University of Connecticut, my home state. After I graduated with my M.D. in 2010, I completed my emergency medicine residency at Brown University in Providence, RI from 2010-2014 and then completed a fellowship in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at Harvard Medical School from 2014-2015. I then came off IRR and onto active duty and have since completed tours of duty at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. During this time, I have completed deployments to the NATO Role 3 in Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2016, a humanitarian mission on the USNS Comfort in 2018 to SOUTHCOM and was part of a Role 2 Light Maneuver surgical team in West Africa in 2019. I am currently serving as the Director for Emergency Medical Services at Naval Medical Forces Atlantic and am actively involved in the Joint Trauma Systems En Route Care committee. I love spending my free time and weekends with my wife, Kelly, kids Michael, Samantha, and Katherine, and our chocolate lab, Abby. I currently live in Rockville, MD and am looking forward to finally getting the kids out to see a Badger football game later this fall!



Paul Roszko and Shipmates During Enduring Promise (2018)

REUNION 2021: GO BADGERS — BEAT ARMY!

The fabulous weekend was highlighted with the first time the Association had a block of football tickets! It was a historic game under the lights where the Badgers faced the Army Black Knights, and our block of 117 Alums provided the needed energy for a 20 to 14 Badger victory. It was a great close to our 2021 reunion. On Friday evening, 70 folks attended our social on the shores of Lake Mendota. The Annual Meeting, Saturday morning, was attended by 23 alums. Late Saturday afternoon provided a blustery stage for our tailgate with 90 attendees. We are not sure of the name of the youngest alum who attended, but Merritt Marquardt, Class of 1956, participated in the tailgate and the game; and he represented the most experienced SeaBadger. *On Wisconsin!*



PHOTOS WANTED

We invite you to share your memories with the Association. We have created an entire section of our new website, segmented by the decades from the 1940's to the 2020's, to post pictures from your past to the current day.

Help build our memory treasure trove with your events. Please send your favorite photos at the Unit or during service to our great nation. Include a short caption and information including who, what, when, where, and why. Your photo(s) will be posted on our website for posterity! Please visit our new website and go to the [Heritage – Across the Years](#) section.

Digital photos (files) are preferred. Please email your digital files to: uwnrotcalum@gmail.com.

For hard copy pictures please contact us at: uwnrotcalum@gmail.com to make arrangements for mailing and return.

CRISIS AT SEA

Alum Ken Green, Class of 1985, is the boat officer from USS CARR (FFG 52) in the photo below. The date is 24 April 1988, and a battery space fire has forced the USS BONEFISH (SS 582) to the surface during an exercise about 160 miles off the Florida coast. Along with the CARR, helicopters from the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) will help rescue 89 men. Three BONEFISH Sailors will die during the fire. While this was a tragic day, their sacrifice will not be forgotten.



OUR NEW LOOK!

The Communications Committee kept busy this winter – with the Dane County mask mandate still in effect, they decided to rework our Association website:

<https://www.uwnrotcalumni.org/>.

The Association acknowledges and thanks Mary Jo Driscoll, Class of 1988, for building our previous website and establishing our presence on the web. We built on her work to structure the new website.

The driving theme of our website is “Bonding the Badger Battalion past, present, and future!” To that end, the images include today’s Navy and some historical and future imagery, especially of the USS WISCONSIN (BB 9, BB 64, and SSBN 827). But beyond the ships, we have attempted to provide pictures of the Battalion over the years, and we need any photos you can send!

What changed in the new website?

New pages with more content and news, past publication of this newsletter – *Badger Shipmate*, Unit history, new payment method, our graduates by years, links and a means to collect and record the Battalion over the years.

Please honor fallen alums by sending information and add to the “Across the Years” collection.

ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION

Over the past couple of years, the Association has developed some policies and procedures helping to bring more transparency and professionalism to the organization. One unintended result – an easier time for new volunteers!!

The Association is a Wisconsin non-stock corporation with members, and it is a charitable organization. Our By-Laws were updated and amended in 2021 with relatively few changes, less administrative. We established an Awards Policy providing more details of our sponsored and association awards and are working on a Gift Acceptance Policy to help detail where and how gifts may be given to the association.

If you haven't seen the new website, <https://www.uwnrotcalumni.org/>, please take a look! Our new webmaster, Scott Robinson, transformed the site to an incredible wealth of information with the ability to preserve our time at the NROTC Unit.

One of our biggest challenges is reaching all alums and keeping email and snail mail addresses current. Please send an email to uwnrotcalum@gmail.com or letter to UW NROTC Alumni Association, P.O. Box 5205, Madison, WI 53705 with your current contact information and bit about what you're doing!

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

We formed the Special Events Committee in 2021 to provide an annual cycle of management to our social activities sponsored by the Association. The Mid-Winter Mixer and Summer Sendoff are in the rear-view mirror. We hope many of you decide to return to Madison for the Annual Reunion.

We kicked off with a **Mid-Winter Meetup** in Madison. While it was a small affair, John Voss, Class of 1968, did travel from Gothenburg, Sweden to join us. May 2022 - **Battalion Summer Sendoff Mixer**. We hosted the Battalion for a Qdoba dinner and soft drinks on Friday, May 6, 2022, on the last day of class before finals begin.

On 1 September 2022 we will welcome the Battalion to campus as they FINEX the **Battalion Field Exercise**. Join us around 1130 if you could help distribute drinks and ice cream treats.

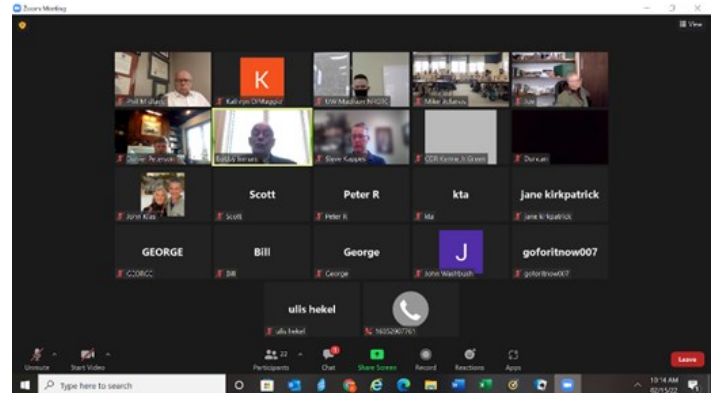
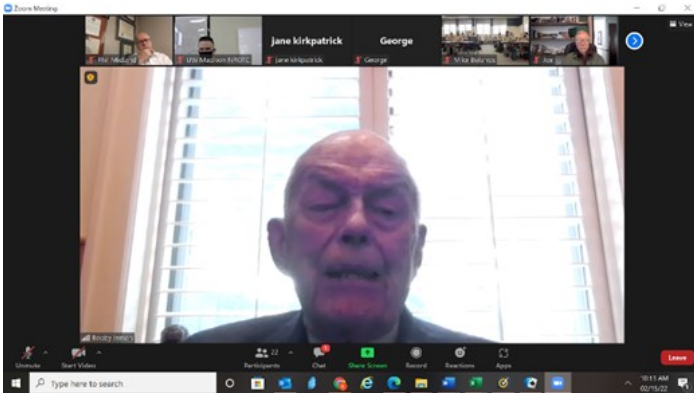
Our capstone event, the **Annual Reunion Weekend**, will be held on Friday, 30 September, and Saturday, 1 October as the Badgers take on the Fighting Illini. Tickets are available now for \$73 each seat and sales will secure after 31 August. Details on the social events are outlined in a 1 July NROTC Alumni Association email.



Alumni and Midshipmen at the Summer Sendoff Mixer,
May 2022

VOICES OF EXPERIENCE (VOE) SERIES

In our Voices of Experience Series, the Communications Committee kick-started a more active role with the Battalion by bringing speakers to Madison, albeit via Zoom, for a senior perspective on the military, international relations, and issues they will face in the future. We were pleased to have Admiral Bobby R. Inman, U.S. Navy (ret) and Admiral Paul David Miller, U.S. Navy (ret) as our first two VOE speakers.



Voices of Experience Series – Zooming with Admiral Bobby Inman

FLEET NUGGET SPEAKERS NEEDED!

This Spring the Association initiated the Fleet Nugget Speaker Series of talks to give the Battalion an operator's view of the world and the more personal challenges as junior officers. This series is intended to give Battalion students a glimpse into their future as operators and help answer the question, "What can I expect?" We are looking for speakers – with the appropriate operational experience - to address the Aviation, Semper Fi (Marine Option), Submarine (all future nukes), Surface, and Special Warfare clubs. These sessions with the individual clubs run from 60 to 90 minutes and is a casual engagement with the students. The audience is limited to the speaker, the students, and one staff member to facilitate the Zoom meeting.

If you are active duty or left the Navy or Marine Corps within the past couple of years, we definitely want you as a speaker! The Battalion has a preference hearing from officers closer to their age, but if you are a bit more seasoned, don't hesitate to participate if you are so inclined. If you are a Division Officer, Department Head, XO, or in command, please consider signing up. We are looking to do multiple sessions for each club in the Fall and Spring semesters. With finals, our target months are September, October, November, February, March, and April. Please send an email to the Alumni Association Board, uwnrotcalum@gmail.com for future opportunities and potential dates.

MENTOR PROGRAM

Several alums have mentioned they are interested in connecting with the Badger Battalion and graduates as a mentor. They thought having a mentor would have made a difference to them during many parts of their career. Our initial concept matches career milestones (active duty, transition, retired), specialty areas and industry experience. For those on the mailing list, we provided a short survey for interested recipients. If interested in having a mentor, being a mentor or just expanding your Badger networking please let us know.

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During your service as a commissioned officer, and in subsequent civilian employment, you acquired a great deal of knowledge and experience which you can now use to further the work of the Association. Incidentally, geography is no barrier to service, as the meetings can be attended remotely. Don't delay! Please contact the Alumni Association at uwnrotcalum@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Board!

YOU ARE A PART — BE A PART

Would you like to be a part of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum? The museum collects and preserves Wisconsin veterans' stories and shares them with the current and future generations. They are always looking for Wisconsin veterans who were either born in the state, joined the military in the state, or lived in the state for at least five years. Please visit their website: www.wisvetmuseum.com

They seek items that help tell a vet's individual and unique story. Of interest are letters, diaries, reminiscences, photographs, souvenirs, maps, and military records; also intriguing to the museum - objects that have a story behind them of how a veteran acquired them or how they used them. If you have items to donate, please reach out to Russell Horton, Reference & Outreach Archivist. 608.267.1790 (office), russell.horton@dva.wisconsin.gov.

In addition, the museum works with Wisconsin veterans to capture each of their unique experiences in their own words by interviewing them. The oral history interviews are then available online and preserved for all. If located in Wisconsin, interviews may be in person at home or a locally convenient library conference room or other quiet space. If outside of the state, interviews are via telephone. If you are interested, please reach out to Luke Sprague, Oral Historian, (608) 261-0537 (office), luke.sprague@dva.wisconsin.gov.

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To help support the men and women who will one day operate and maintain USS Wisconsin (SSBN 827), a nonprofit, charitable organization association was established – it is officially in operation!

Anticipating a commissioning in about ten years, the Association started a statewide awareness campaign to “connect the people of Wisconsin with USS Wisconsin and her crew.” More information about the submarine's construction and the Association may be found at <https://www.usswisconsinsub.org> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/126620262677363>

Please let the association know you are interested! Kathy (Johnson) DiMaggio, '78, is our POC. Her email is:

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