Upcoming Events

* Commissioning – December 19 1000 Stadium Recruit Room
* Board Meeting – January 7 1830 Converse Hall
* OSU vs. Wisconsin Hockey Game / Tailgate - February 27 Time TBD. Society hosting Franklin Heights NJROTC
* Midshipman Social/ Alumni Gathering – April 14 1830 Varsity Club
* Color Parade – April 15 1400 The Fawcett Event Center
- Society Annual Meeting – Following Color Parade
- Society Board Meeting Following the Society Annual Meeting

Reunion Weekend

This year’s reunion started with the Fall Midshipmen Social / Alumni Gathering September 18 at the Varsity Club. The pizza and sea stories flowed freely as usual.

Kevin Hall organized the Alumni Dinner at Champs Restaurant on the 18th.

The Alumni Reunion Tailgate was held at Converse Hall on the 19th. The Midshipmen served up the bratwursts and hamburgers. Coach Meyer and the Football Team passed by our gathering while enroute to the Skull Session.

The Team capped the weekend by beating Northern Illinois Football 20-13.
Short Bits
* The OSU San Diego Alumni Club held its annual student send-off on August 2. Dave Happ of our Society attended and met non-scholarship NROTC student Josh Aguilera-Alkire. Josh hopes to obtain a scholarship and commission.

* Three OSU NROTC Midshipmen recently received 3 year scholarships. There were only five of these scholarships available nationally.

* Unit Orientation was held August 17 – 24. 48 Freshmen including 25 with scholarships completed the orientation.

* Franklin Heights High School JNROTC and the Society assisted with Operation Flag’s restoration of 2 historic cemeteries this Fall.

But for Ohio State
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Scholarship support for current Buckeye midshipman and future Naval Officers is the top priority for the Naval ROTC Alumni Society Board. Paying it forward has always been an Ohio State tradition – one, that we as a Society wish to uphold.

Our scholarship supports students year after year, making a lasting impact for Ohio State midshipman, now and into the future.

As of September 1st, we have raised $315,710 towards our $333,000 But for Ohio State campaign goal. Over the next nine months, we aspire to not only achieve but exceed the goal – leading the way for generations of Buckeyes to come.

Buckeyes give back. It’s who we are. It’s what we do. Join your fellow alumni and friends with a gift to Fund #645122. Continue the Naval ROTC legacy of service and support through the Naval ROTC Alumni Society Award.

If you have questions about the Naval ROTC Alumni Society Award or supporting the Naval ROTC at The Ohio State University, please contact Amber Diglaw at (614) 292-9443 or diglaw.1@osu.edu.

The Roman Empire No Longer Exists
By Randy Townsend 78
VP OSU NROTC Alumni Society

Nor do many of the organizations which we thought would outlive us. My Boy Scout troop folded its tents thirty years ago. The 900 member church of my youth is hanging on with less than 100 members.

People dedicated to an organization are required for its survival. If there are no people willing to dot the I’s and cross the T’s, there is no organization. Twice since 1978, organizations named the OSU Naval ROTC Alumni Society were formed. Twice not enough people dedicated themselves to the required work and the organizations faded away.

The current OSU Naval ROTC Alumni Society has taken a great deal of work to start and maintain. A group of NROTC Alumni commenced dotting I’s and crossing T’s in 1998. Their efforts were rewarded by being officially recognized by the OSU Alumni Association as an Alumni Society in 2000.

The Founders continued to do the majority of organizing events, creating reports, networking, ordering supplies, grilling hot dogs, mailing out incentives, attending meetings and performing many other actions. Without their dedication, this organization would have faded away like its predecessors did.

The Founders have been joined by other dedicated alumnus over the years. However, some of the Society’s hard working members are no longer with us. Others no longer can actively participate due to other life events. Others have rightfully pointed out that new people need to start learning the ropes to keep the Society on course.

As a Society, we are joined by a common background not a geographic location. We shall always need boots on the ground in Columbus but we are actually scattered around the globe. This year’s membership totals 54 with only 10 residing in the Columbus Metro Area.
For many years the Columbus dwellers have carried the load. Computers, teleconferencing and the Internet have enabled some functions to depart the Columbus area. Dave Ozvat runs our membership activities from North Carolina. Board Meetings include Members calling in from across the country. I create the SEAWOLF in Whitehall but it could just as easily be created anywhere.

The Society is currently in good shape and on a solid footing. However, like the VFW and the Legion, our future pool of possible members is dwindling. The Unit once was a battalion of 270-300 Midshipmen. Today, it is a company of less than 100.

You heard this all before in other groups that you’ve been in. The Society needs more of you involved. We also need to get more members.

Following are the deck plate positions and events that make this group what it is:

**BOARD APPOINTED POSITIONS**
- MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
- EMAIL MASTER
- WEB MASTER
- SEAWOLF EDITOR
- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
- LEADERSHIP SUPOSUM
- FOOTBALL TICKET COORDINATOR
- COMMUNITY SERVICE POC
- REUNION TAILGATE POC
- SOCIAL POC

**EVENTS**
- BOARD/ANNUAL MEETINGS
- COLOR PARADE
- REUNION TAILGATE
- REUNION DINNER

**MIDN/ALUMNI SOCIALS**
**COMMUNITY SERVICE**
**12 BUCKEYES**
**WINTER SPORT OUTING**

If you see something that you can help with, please step up and offer to help out. Great satisfaction and renewed friendships accrue with getting involved. It is fun and rewarding to give back to what gave us our Naval and Civilian career starts.

**New XO for the NROTC Unit**

Commander Matthew Bradshaw is a native of Mansfield, Ohio and graduated from The Ohio State University in 1995. After OCS, he earned his Navy wings. The SH-60B Seahawk has been his primary aircraft. CDR Bradshaw’s complete biography can be found at: [http://www.nrotc.osu.edu/Staff/staff.html](http://www.nrotc.osu.edu/Staff/staff.html)

**Nautical Displays at DSCC**

By Charles Sabino 71

Secretary

The OSU NROTC Alumni Society

The sail of the ex-USS Birmingham (SSN-695), was dedicated on September 23, 2015 at the Defense Logistics Agency - Land and Maritime Command Weapons Park. The Park is located in Whitehall, Ohio. Charles Sabino 71 and Jason Debord 93 attended the event. Both are Supply Corps officers who qualified in submarines and were Supply Department Heads on their respective boats. Charles recently relocated back to Columbus after a career as an investment banker and active and reserve duty in the Navy. Jason is currently on active duty and is now stationed at the Defense Logistics Agency - Land and Maritime Command.

Charles Sabino 71 Jason Debord 93

Columbus Base, US Submarine Veterans

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