

Membership Appeal

The Alumni and Friends of Princeton University ROTC is an active group of over four hundred members strong that directly supports students, provide networking support to alumni, and promotes greater appreciation of military service in the University community at large. See examples of our activities below.

Our membership year runs from Reunion to Reunion. Registration for new memberships and renewals can be done online or by mail

New members: for **regular mail**, the link to hard copy registration form is on the main page; for **online**, Go to www.purotc.org, click on "Join / Contribute" then follow instructions.

Renewals: **regular mail**, click on the link on the main page. You can renew **online** anytime. Go to www.purotc.org, click on "Join / Contribute" then "Renew Membership / Make Donation". Enter the email address you used in registering, and the password you were sent. (If you need to reset your password, you can do this from the appropriate links). From the "Members Only WebPages" select "Renew/Make Donation". Enter your dues/pre-pay for next Reunion's lunch/make a donation, scroll down and update "Last Date Paid", then click the "SAVE" icon at the bottom of the page. It is not necessary to re-enter all of your personal information.

Questions or requests for further information, please contact us by **mail** at: Secretary, Alumni & Friends of Princeton University ROTC, P.O. Box 964, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550, or by **e-mail**: Secretary@purotc.org.

Examples of direct support to students:

- Significant monetary awards to top students in the ROTC classes
- Commissioning stipends to all graduating seniors
- Special uniform/varsity jackets to members of the Army ROTC Ranger Challenge team that competes in regional and national competitions
- Help on special occasions such as underwriting travel costs of a senior ROTC student who traveled to Texas for his Rhodes interview (which he won)
- Limited financial aid to non-scholarship ROTC students through the General John A. Guthrie '42 Scholarship Fund

Alumni networking and support activities:

- Semi-annual newsletter (now in the mail to members and available on line to members)
- Website with areas open to non-members and members only (to be updated 01/31/12)
- Annual Reunion luncheon followed by alumni panel. (This year's panel addressed how institutions like Princeton can contribute to education reforms in the military)
- Special sections in social networking media like Facebook and LinkedIn
- Annual reception each spring in Washington, DC (hosted by Amb. Alan Lukens '46)

Contributions to the University:

- Lead coordinator of Veterans Day Service (attendance now over 200)
- Voice of alumni in advising Office of the VP for Campus Life on ROTC and military related matters
- Working with current ROTC Director, LTC Peter Knight, PhD, in teaching undergraduate course in Woodrow Wilson School. WWS 453 US Military Capabilities and Limitations, a University course that all senior (MSIV) cadets are taking this semester for full academic credit as a requirement for commissioning.

From the Fall Newsletter

2011 Commissioning

President Tilghman again presided over the commissioning ceremony held in the Faculty Room of Nassau Hall under the Charles Wilson Peale portrait of George Washington at the Battle of Princeton. She was joined by Brigadier General Gustave F. Perna, Commanding General, Joint Munitions Command, Picatinny Arsenal, who gave the commissioning speech. In his speech, General Perna was both remarkable and amusing as he highlighted what it meant to be an Army Lieutenant. He made a special point to honor those who choose to serve as Army spouses.



2011 commissionees about to take first salute in front of Nassau Hall

Class of 2015 Arrives, Program Grows

With the arrival of the 14 members of the Class of 2015, Princeton has a total of 34 cadets out of a total Tiger Battalion of 99. The other members of the Battalion come from The College of New Jersey (27), Rider (7) and Rowan (34). The incoming Freshman cadets come from the Northeastern states and the West Coast, with a strong contingent from the Washington, DC region. The Freshman contingent is the largest it has been since the late 1980s.

Eight members of the Princeton Class of 2015 have accepted 4-year Army ROTC scholarships, four members accepted 3-year scholarships and two non-scholarship students are enrolled in the program. They join six members of the class of 2014, seven in 2013 and seven seniors in the class of 2012. This year's total of 99 cadets marks an expansion from 68 cadets across the four institutions as of the end of the 2010-2011 Academic Year. The cadre attribute much of the growth in the program to three factors: effective, active recruiting, on and off campus, word of mouth by current cadets who enjoy expanded opportunities for travel abroad, improved training, staff rides and trips to Washington, DC and other major sites, of scholarships available to high cost schools like Princeton.



Freshman orientation, initial training exercise

Reunion Luncheon and Meeting

Our eighth annual Reunion luncheon and annual meeting enjoyed another successful turnout highlighted by the return of members of the '1's and '6's. Jim Marshall '72, serving as interim president, opened the meeting with a short introduction followed by memorials to President Bob McLean '52, who died in early March of this year, and to 1LT Omar Vazquez, who had been commissioned through the Princeton Army ROTC program in 2009 and who was killed in Iraq earlier this year. Board member and former PMS, LTC (Ret) Bud Dotsey gave the memorial for Bob McLean and 1LT Rich Hagner '09 gave the memorial for his ROTC classmate and fellow commissionee LT Vazquez.

Members formally confirmed Jim Marshall as the successor to Bob McLean and approved the renewal of three year board terms for LTG (Ret.) Daniel W. Christman *69, LTC (Ret) George Dotsey F, COL (Ret) Doug Lovejoy *68, LTC (Ret) Matthew McCarville F, and RADM, USNR (Ret) H. Kirk Unruh '70.

Following adjournment, the Alumni Reunion Panel, *The Academy and the Military*, was held in McCosh 10. Presenters included Jim Marshall, Woodrow Wilson School Professor Stan Katz, John Hurley '86, founder of Cavalry Asset Management and recent donor of a Preceptorship in History, and CPT Joe Holliday '06, recently returned veteran from Afghanistan. The panel addressed the role of higher education in the ongoing reassessment of educational needs by the military services, including the role of ROTC programs at Ivy League institutions. The session was recorded on video and is available on the A&F website.



Photos: top left, Senior NCO MSG Thomas Jones, Doug Lovejoy *68, Zim Lawhon '40. Spencer Reynolds '92 and 1LT Michael Groff, Recruiting Officer; top right, Jim Marshall presenting to departing PMS LTC Stark American Flag flown over Nassau Hall; bottom left, Jim Marshall as new president addressing Reunion Luncheon; bottom right, Membership meeting

Renewed Interest in ROTC at Elite Universities

As we noted in our previous issue, there has been increased interest in the return of ROTC to various top-tier universities who broke their ties with the military in the early 1970s. Princeton and Cornell are the only Ivy League institutions that have had a continuous ROTC presence (Army ROTC at Princeton; all Service ROTC's at Cornell).

- **Yale** has signed a contract with the Navy for the return of Navy ROTC. Yale's original Navy program was founded in 1926 as one of the six original Navy ROTC programs, and remained until all ROTC programs were expelled in 1969.
- **Columbia University**, in May of this year, signed an agreement that will return Navy ROTC to Columbia for the first time in 42 years. The Navy will have an office in the university's campus on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Recruits will train at the State University of New York's Maritime College in the Bronx.
- **Harvard** formally announced the decision to invite the services to begin formal ROTC programs and the Navy signed an agreement to assign an officer representative with an office on campus. The Harvard catalog continues to advise students who are interested in joining a Reserve Officers' Training Corps program to cross-register with MIT programs offered at MIT, Air Force ROTC, Army ROTC, and Navy ROTC. Specific naval seminars courses can be taken by cross-registration and count toward a student's undergraduate degree.
- **Stanford** approved the faculty report advising the return of formal ROTC programs. The Stanford Army ROTC website continues to provide information on the program at Santa Clara.

Prospects for other Service ROTC at Princeton. The Navy has been in discussions with Rutgers about the possibility of a program there. It would be possible that Princeton students could participate in a Rutgers program if the Navy decides to open one. Two Princeton students are reported to be enrolled in the Rutgers Air Force program but there has not been an active Air Force ROTC presence at Princeton in five years.

Veterans Day

The Alumni and Friends along with Princeton ROTC cadre and cadets participated in the University's traditional Veterans Day service, which was especially poignant coming on 11/11/11. Board member Ambassador Alan Lukens '46 spoke about his experiences in WWII as a member of the 20th Armored Division that liberated the concentration camp at Dachau. The Tiger Battalion again provided the color guard, members of the University orchestra served as bugler for taps and violist for the musical interlude, and the National Anthem was sung by Princeton institution for Chapel events, Kenny Grayson, foreman of the Electrical Shop. The program noted that seventy-six known alumni veterans along with twenty-seven University employees, most of them retired, had died in the past year. In what has become a tradition, the service was followed with the formal swearing in of the new members of the Army ROTC class. A video of the swearing ceremony can be seen on YouTube:

<http://youtu.be/O99UqRcqPAc>





*Photos: Top left, Ambassador Alan Lukens '46 Veterans Day address, top right, Eddie Skolnick '12 Viola Interlude; Cadre and newly sworn in cadets after Veterans Day Service 2011
Courtesy of Army ROTC Cadre*

New PMS teaching in WWS

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