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Dear Fellow Alums & Friends,

Greetings from your Marquette NROTC Alumni & Friends Association (A&FA). This letter provides an update on the state of A&FA and forwards the annual request for your renewed or new membership. We also ask for your financial support of the midshipmen through donations to the Seapower Library Association (SLA).

Membership (Paul Riedl '65 paulriedl@att.net and John "JR" Miles '76 jmiles1@ec.rr.com): A&FA's good growth spurt to 192 came to an abrupt halt when 41 had to be removed from the membership rolls since they didn't pay their 2012 dues. The current 151 members are asked to update their contact information and pay their dues, as appropriate. All non-member Alums are encouraged to join A&FA by **using the dues payment/contact info./donation form on page 2**. All are invited to the Annual Member Meeting at 0900 on July 27th at the Unit (teleconferencing will be available) and all are encouraged to enjoy fellowship, food and beverages at the Open House/Social that follows at 1000. The Alumni of the Year award was awarded in 2012 to BGEN Gerry Miller '64, USMC (Retired) and a newly instituted Young Alumni of the Year award was awarded to 1stLt Rob Christensen '09, USMC. **Please consider submitting nominees for both of those awards for 2013.**

Class Representatives (Paul Riedl '65 paulriedl@att.net and Ed Taicsich '76 edward.taicsich@abbott.com): Class Reps are important in helping keep their classmates connected and maintaining current contact information on file with the Unit. Reps will also help coordinate reunions, pass the word on Unit and A&FA activities (especially functions available for Alum attendance), network to help fellow Alums with job and career searches, provide feedback to the Unit and A&FA on items of interest and suggest areas for future involvement. Thanks to Jerry Bolain's fine recruiting efforts 31 classes now have Class Reps or Co-Reps (an increase of 16 since this time last year). **Please contact Jerry if you might be interested in filling one of the 38 open Class Rep positions.**

Communication (Marty Menez '72 MMenez1981@Kellogg.Northwestern.edu): Please type in changes to your contact information in the form at the end of this letter; include your current E-mail address and send it to munrotcalumni@gmail.com. More Alums are joining the A&FA closed groups in Facebook and LinkedIn (search for "**Marquette NROTC Alum Association**" and not for "Marquette University Naval ROTC Alumni" which isn't an A&FA affiliated group). Currently a number of subscribers don't realize that joining the A&FA Facebook and LinkedIn groups does not automatically make them Members of A&FA, and consequently they are not getting all the information and updates that Members enjoy. We are exploring additional ways to get the word out and increase active participation and membership, so please forward your suggestions.

Unit/Midshipmen Support (Vito Centofanti '83 vito.centofanti@gmail.com): A&FA solicits donations for the Seapower Library Association (SLA) which, with input from NROTC student representatives that is provided at the Board meetings, disperses the funds to aid the midshipmen. Your support is making a substantial difference especially during these times of fiscal austerity. The financial contributions to SLA go entirely to supporting the midshipmen. Because of your generous donations, the midshipmen are able to attend Leadership Conferences, host the Nurse Symposium, participate in ROTC Competitions and pursue many other activities that significantly broaden their experience. Some of these events and activities would not be possible due to the Navy funding challenges. On behalf of the NROTC Midshipmen, we thank you for your continued support. Please give a generous donation which is tax deductible by using the form at bottom of this page.

Hospitality/Reunions (Mark Neuwirth '80 mark.neuwirth@millercoors.com): Join us at the Unit

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for the annual Open House/Social on July 27th. Members are encouraged to attend the Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November (watch for the notice). The A&FA sponsored event of the year was supposed to be the MU-Ohio State basketball game on the Yorktown. Unfortunately, due to major condensation on the basketball court on the flight deck, it became a non-event. We will try again to sponsor an event next year if we get suggestions and help from Members. All of the classes that end in "4" (1944 thru 2004) might want to get started planning for their anniversaries in 2014. Please let us know if we can assist your reunion planning committees.

Networking (Albert Lagore '90 albert.lagore@marquette.edu): This area is considered "fire support" to the modern day networking tool, LinkedIn. We once again asked the graduates who will be entering the IRR (non-pay Individual Ready Reserve) upon commissioning if they would like assistance from A&FA. Fortunately, the majority of the soon to be 2ndLt's have some type of employment lined up before starting "The Basic School" (delay in starting is anywhere from 3-12 months). Eight or so A&FA Members have responded to this point and prospects look pretty good. We learned that future requests for such assistance should be sent out earlier in the year so our new Alums can be candidates for summer positions. Additionally, we have developed a listing of all Members with their initial warfare community with open columns for a secondary military specialty and civilian line of work. The intention is to provide that listing and allow cross talk among Members as we move through our military and civilian careers. We are working with our communications leads to see how best to get the myriad of missing information and publish it while still ensuring personal information security.

Your A&FA had a steady year. We are hoping that the 41 lapsed memberships will be reactivated and that they will be joined by many new memberships. Most of us need to pay our A&FA dues now either as Continuing Members or as New Members. Please use the following fillable form to do that and to make a SLA donation **RIGHT NOW** (from past experience we know this required action doesn't bubble up to the top too readily when it gets put into ones Inbox). The increased number of Class Representatives should help A&FA and the Unit communicate better and with more Alums going forward. Keep your suggestions coming in to help keep A&FA on track at meeting your expectations. We wish you all smooth seas during the upcoming membership year.

Very truly yours,

Paul T. Riedl '65
President

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MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM (7/1/13 THRU 6/30/14)

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

SEAPOW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION DONATION FORM



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Name (rank if appropriate): _____ Year Commissioned: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address (provide whenever possible): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Membership Dues Enclosed*: Regular [\$20.00/year]: \$ _____ Recent Graduate [Free]: _____

(make check payable to "Marquette NROTC Alumni & Friends Association, Inc.")

SLA Donation** (make check payable to "Seapower Library Association, Inc."): \$ _____

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