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*First-year rooks in the Corps of Cadets celebrate an NU touchdown against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with trademark push-ups. Norwich beat the Bears on Homecoming weekend to reclaim "the Mug" in the "Little Army-Navy Game."*

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Cover photo: First-year rook Kimberly Cunningham '23 prepares for a Friday review and retreat on Homecoming weekend. Photograph by Karen Kasmauski.



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# JOSEPH TAYLOR

**Class Year:** 2021 • **Hometown:** Danbury, Connecticut

**Post-Norwich Plans:** After I graduate from Norwich and become a Registered Nurse, I plan to pursue a career as a traveling nurse and to explore different parts of the country.

## **What does “Norwich Forever” mean to you?**

My favorite Norwich experience was going through rookdom with my rook brothers, who are now my best friends. I changed as an individual and became the best version of myself by getting out of my comfort zone and going beyond what I thought was possible. During rookdom, I heard the phrase “Norwich Forever” constantly. In my junior year, I finally understood what it really means. “Norwich Forever” means our history and traditions are everlasting. The values that Norwich teaches stay with us forever in all of our endeavors.

## *Thank You!*

Over 900 alumni, parents, faculty and staff, students and friends made gifts during the Make Norwich Forever Homecoming Challenge. Your gifts to the Norwich Fund help ensure the next generation of Norwich students—students like Joseph Taylor '21—continues to innovate, lead, and serve with distinction in the world. Thank you for doing your part to make “Norwich Forever.”

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# Our Enduring Values

By the time you read this, it will have been three months since we celebrated Homecoming here at Norwich. As I write this, my memories of those four incredible days have not yet begun to fade. Celebrating our 200th birthday with 6,000 members of the Norwich family is something I will never forget. Among the many highlights for me was meeting and speaking with so many of you, including former students of mine, whom I had not seen in 25 years! To a person, everyone was wowed both by the improvements to campus since they last visited the Hill and also all our wonderful students, whom they met and spoke with.

None of these new, state-of-the-art facilities or relevant academic programs would exist if not for your loyal support. At Friday night's gala, we announced the conclusion of the *Forging the Future* campaign, which raised more than \$118 million over five years! And at Saturday morning's alumni parade, reunion classes ending in 4s and 9s presented gifts to the university totaling over \$14 million! These funds and the benefit received from them—to our

students and our university—will enable Norwich's legacy to endure deep into our third century.

Our 200-year legacy is something we can all be proud of. Vermont Governor Phil Scott, speaking from the podium at the gala, expressed it in these words: “[Norwich students] don't let the fear of failure or difficulty hold them back. They dig in to achieve their goals, and fight for what's right.” When Scott became governor, I gave him a hard card of Norwich's guiding values statement, which he now keeps on his desk. Referencing it in his speech, he remarked, “These are ideals we should all live up to.”

The value of Norwich to America is that we are training men and women of honor and integrity, who can “do” in the finest tradition of Alden Partridge. It is acting and execution, not just thinking and conceiving. That is what separates the Norwich person from the crowd.

David Bellavia, our nation's most recent Medal of Honor recipient—and the only living MOH recipient of the Iraq War—reaffirmed this while on campus in September for the

Norwich University Military Writers' Symposium.

Speaking from our Medal of Honor Gallery in Jackman Hall, Bellavia addressed local media. “Norwich graduates are completely different than [those from] any other military institution,” he said. “I've known Norwich grads before I knew about Norwich. They're just principled, decent, humble, earnest leaders.”

I have often said we are known by what our students do after they leave here—not by what we do to them while they are here. Even the Old Guard, who still have tread left on their tires, continue to exercise their value to the nation—in their communities, their states, and across the country. When you consider the collective contributions of thousands of Norwich-educated citizen-soldiers over the course of their individual lifetimes of selfless service, their impact to our nation and our world becomes inestimable.

As I contemplate my impending retirement, I cannot imagine a more valuable use of my time over these past 28 years than to have served as president of your alma mater. Because of you and those who came before

you, I am proud to say Norwich is well positioned to continue producing honorable, competent, values-driven leaders for our country. I thank each and every one of you for supporting Jaime and me and welcoming us into the Norwich family. As I conclude my presidency, I have the utmost faith you will do no less for our next president.

Norwich forever!



Richard W. Schneider  
RADM, USCGR (RET.)  
PRESIDENT



# News From

## **MISSION: POSSIBLE!**

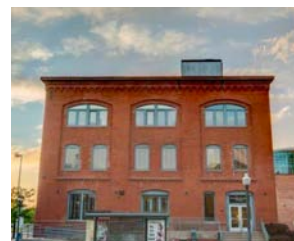
The Bicentennial *Forging the Future* campaign has raised \$118 million, far exceeding its \$100 million goal set five years ago. Mountain Cold Weather Company cadet Arturo Torres '20 helped deliver the news, rappelling from the ceiling of Shapiro Field House during Friday's Celebrate 200: Homecoming Gala on September 20.

Photograph by Karen Kasmauski



## **NORWICH HEADS WEST**

The College of Graduate and Continuing Studies recently acquired a new office space in Denver, Colo. Set to open in February 2020, the satellite office will support NU's online bachelor's degree-completion and master's programs and its new Norwich Pro<sup>SM</sup> professional and continuing education offerings.





# The Hill

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**FUN FACT** Despite being 3,700 miles from campus, CityLab: Berlin students and faculty still celebrated Homecoming, gathering in September at a city memorial to a battle against Napoleon in 1813—the closest to 1819 they could find.

## 5 STORIES YOU MISSED ON NORWICH.EDU



### 1 AMSCUS CONFERENCE

In September, Norwich hosted the 2019 Association of Military Colleges & Schools of the United States Senior Military Colleges Conference. The three-day event drew some 50 guests from Texas A&M, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech, the University of North Georgia, and other institutions. Special guests included representatives from the Royal Military College in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.

### 2 CLIMATE CHANGE DEFENSE

In October, former Deputy Defense Undersecretary Sherri Goodman visited campus to share insights on the effect that climate change is having on military challenges, noting that the U.S. Defense Department is now integrating global warming-related risks into its strategic planning.

A senior fellow at the Wilson Center Environmental Change and Security Program and Polar Institute, Goodman was a guest

of NU's Center for Global Resilience and Security and the Peace and War Center.

### 3 MILITARY WRITERS' CONFERENCE

The 25th annual Norwich University Military Writers' Symposium drew authors, experts, and audience members to campus for two days of panels and presentations in September.

Guest speakers included Paul Scharre, winner of NU's 2019 William E. Colby Award for his book on autonomous military robots, *Army of None*, and 21st century warfare specialist Peter Singer, PhD, of the New America Foundation.

### 4 LOVE AND WARCRAFT

In November, the Pegasus Players student theater group performed in *In Love and Warcraft*, playwright Madhuri Shekar's techno-romantic comedy about a college gamer who falls in love and also writes love letters on the side for people in messed up rela-

tionships. Shekar visited campus during the production to speak with audience members and students about the play and its themes.

### 5 INFANT FORMULA STUDY

Outdated U.S. regulations for manganese in infant formula and toddler nutritional drinks are potentially putting children at risk, according to a new study published in the *PLoS ONE* science journal.

Led by NU environmental chemist Prof. Seth Frisbie, the study analyzed manganese levels in 44 varieties of infant formula and toddler nutritional beverages sold in the U.S. and France.

The scientists found that manganese concentrations were 32 to 1,000 times greater in those products than levels reported in human breast milk. Research suggests excess exposure to manganese turns the essential nutrient into a neurotoxin with serious adverse effects on child neurodevelopment.



**V/R**  
**LETTERS**  
FROM OUR READERS

Editor,

I am bombarded daily in what I see, hear, and read in various forms of media by words and images that reflect so many things that are cynical, negative, disparaging of others, and devoid of hope for the future. What a refreshing change to read the summer edition of the *Record*! It kept my attention from cover to cover with reflections of creativity, entrepreneurial spirit, generosity, service to others, heroism, and a deep and abiding love for those in need. I felt such pride in being connected to an institution that fosters and celebrates such positive human attributes and achievements in its publications. Today those pages were balm for a soul weary of endless streams of bad news. Thank you.


Paula Gills  
*Retired Faculty*

**CORRECTION**

A brief “What I Wear to Class” department item on adjunct philosophy professor Maj. R. Byron Breese, USAF (Ret.) in our fall 2019 issue misspelled his last name. We regret the error.







## LEADERSHIP LEGACY

Regimental Commander Ethan Hagstrom '20 follows in the footsteps of his great-uncle Frank Allen '58 and grandfather and fellow regimental commander James Bingham '60.

Photograph by Karen Kasmauski

## 5 MINUTES WITH

# ETHAN HAGSTROM '20

Communications major and regimental commander from Bedford, N.H.

### Why Norwich?

Norwich was the last school on my list and the only military school. But after I visited, I came back to my parents and I basically said, “We wasted a lot of time and money looking at all the other schools.” I did an overnight with students here and heard their stories and the things they were doing. I was completely sold.

### Favorite class?

As a communications major, I'm huge on classes that focus on big group discussions. I think a lot of insightful things come out of collaborative group discussions like that. Teachers that facilitate that well are my favorite—so philosophy classes like Logic with Prof. Brian Glenney. He is really funny, but also very thought-provoking. He encourages students to be comfortable with and trust their thoughts.

### Best Norwich experience?

The Legacy March [a 50-mile, three-day fundraising walk for Veterans' Place]. It's a transitional home for veterans who've fallen on hard times and are trying to get back on their feet. I've been doing that since freshman year with my good friend Andrew Guiberson '20. Last year we were both co-presidents. Since we have been a part of the march, we've increased our bottom line [contribution] to Veterans' Place by 20 percent each year.

### Favorite mentors?

LTC Patrick Gardner, director of operations and training for the Corps. Learning through him and how he does

things has been really beneficial. Also, engineering professor and Legacy March advisor Prof. Michael Kelly, who I hold very near and dear to my heart. I've definitely taken a lot from him, especially how to be more compassionate with volunteer work. Last but not least is Kelly Smith, the NUCC staff leadership's executive assistant. I've been her work study for three years. She is the kindest, most thoughtful person on this campus. I call her my Norwich mom. She puts me in my place and also helps me when I need it. She's always so encouraging.

### What's next?

It's kind of a toss-up right now. I wasn't planning to commission when I arrived at Norwich. I was planning to go into the business world and inside or channel sales. But now I'm considering a direct commissioning program with the Coast Guard.

### Favorite thing about Norwich?

Honestly, I think for me—and this seems to be the answer that a lot of people give—it's the people.

I feel like here, people really focus on the relationships they make. I think that starts freshman year, going through rookdom together. The people that I have on my regimental staff are some of my closest friends. I work with them every day. ■

—Sean Markey

Interview condensed and edited for length and clarity.





Photograph by Michael Menn '19





ATHLETICS

# THE UNSINKABLE JAMIE HEATH '23

How sea turtles helped the swimmer rebound from two childhood strokes

BY JAMES THIVIERGE

Jamie Heath first began swimming when she was six. Just a year later, everything about her life—including her ability to paddle—was about to change. Blood vessels in Jamie's brain became tangled, short-changing her brain of oxygen. At the tender age of seven, Jamie had experienced a stroke.

Jamie suffered from a rare condition known as an arteriovenous malformation (AVM). In her case, the tangle of blood vessels—the strangled mix-up that caused her stroke—were located in her brain stem. Brain AVMs are rare, occurring in only one percent of the population.

Which is why Jamie's doctors were initially puzzled when she first displayed stroke symptoms. Yet, they soon discovered her brain hemorrhage and its cause. But as her doctors began exploring courses of action, the picture grew more complicated. For Jamie, surgery was simply not an option. Her AVM was located on her brain stem, making it inoperable and setting her on a long and difficult road to recovery, one that was years in the making.

Jamie spent the first two and a half weeks at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston before undergoing pro-

ton beam radiation to shrink her AVM. Jamie made a full recovery. And she continued to receive ongoing treatment to reduce the size of the tangled blood vessels that were still lodged in her brain stem. But when Jamie, then 12, was nearly a teenager, she knew something was seriously wrong once again.

To her dismay and her family's, she learned that another brain bleed had occurred. By now, Jamie knew a lot about her condition, and she was incredulous that she had experienced yet another stroke. Her disbelief was so great that she wondered if it could possibly be real. Hardest, perhaps, was the idea of beginning the rehabilitation process all over again. For Jamie, the blow was beyond disheartening, and for the next three years, she battled debilitating depression.

"I didn't want to get out of bed," Jamie recalls. "I just wanted to stay home and watch movies."

Jamie and her father Todd, mother Joanne, and older brother Josh realized they needed to find a way to lift Jamie out of her darkness. Physical therapy would help her body recover. But it was a tall order the second time around. Jamie had to relearn how to do almost

everything. The first stroke Jamie experienced when she was seven had disrupted her brain waves. After her second stroke, that earlier disruption had primed some initial paralysis on Jamie's right side.

As physical therapy continued, the Heath family saw that Jamie needed a mental lift. So they applied to the Make-a-Wish foundation, sharing her dream of swimming with sea turtles in Hawaii. Her wish was granted and four years ago, she flew to the island archipelago and swam in the Pacific with those graceful, silent creatures.

The experience was a turning point for the young swimmer and her ultimately indefatigable spirit. "I am just like one of those baby turtles fighting its way to the ocean to live," she reflects now. "I'm going to be one of [the ones] who makes it."

Now a sophomore transfer student at Norwich, Jamie has made the roster on the Cadets women's swim team, where she competes in the butterfly. Little does her competition know that they're up against a swimmer who feels the will and pull to life of a tenacious ocean spirit. ■



## SCHOLARSHIP

# “WAR IS A THINKING PERSON’S GAME”

Marine Corps Maj. Ian Brown M’15 on maneuver warfare, military strategist John Boyd, the power of disinformation, and how Russia uses it today

INTERVIEW BY SEAN MARKEY

An author and Marine aviator who flew CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters during multiple deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, Maj. Ian Brown M’15 now serves as operations officer at the Brute Krulak Center for Innovation and Creativity, a think tank at Marine Corps University in Quantico, Va. In 2018, Brown published *A New Conception of War: John Boyd, the U.S. Marines, and Maneuver Warfare* (Marine Corps University Press), an outgrowth of his military history master’s thesis at NU’s online College of Graduate and Continuing Studies. His book explores the intellectual foment and history behind the Marine Corps’ present “maneuver warfare” fighting doctrine, a strategic framework developed by Air Force fighter pilot John Boyd (1927–97) in the years following Vietnam. The *Record* spoke with Brown in September before a guest appearance at the Norwich University Military Writers’ Symposium. (*Note: Brown’s comments—edited for length and clarity—reflect his personal views and not those of Marine Corps University, the U.S. Marine Corps, Department of Defense, or U.S. Government.*)

## What is your book about and why did you write it?

It’s a historical look back at a certain time in the Marine Corps and at an individual. The Marine Corps came out of Vietnam doing some serious self-reflection. You had a lot of people who’d been on the battlefield who said afterward, “We can’t do that again. How can we do something differently? So that we don’t have helicopters flying off the roof of the

embassy while the enemy is storming the gates? We have to go in for the win every time. How?”

So that was sort of the institutional impetus. Then on the flip side, you had this individual, John Boyd, who was an Air Force officer. Throughout his career, he kept seeing little nuggets of information that he had not seen before. Eventually he decided to fit them into a larger framework for understanding competition and conflict and decision-making. At the same time, you had these Marines who were looking for a better framework for how to think about war and conflict. The two of them kind of merged together. It started from the bottom up. Boyd would be invited to speak to a group of captains, and so on.

At the same time, there was also a lot of discourse in the professional journal of the Marine Corps, the *Gazette*. To have a discussion for your profession, back before web pages and blogs and podcasts, you went to your professional journal. That’s where serious ideas were talked about. So the *Gazette* became this forum, and the editor at the time cultivated this. He annoyed a lot of generals sometimes because of the freedom of thought that he gave in the *Gazette*. But people were writing and debating different points about this theory of conflict that Boyd ended up talking about.

It eventually gained enough traction that you had some of the Corps’ key senior leaders, including [Norwich trustee emeritus] Gen. Alfred Gray (USMC, Ret.), who latched on to it. They implemented this thing which came to be called “maneuver warfare” at increasing levels. Starting at unit levels, then as part of the school curriculum. To the point where, when Gen. Gray became the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, he said, “Maneuver warfare is going to be the war-fighting doctrine for the Marine Corps. Every-

## MILITARY HISTORY

Author Ian Brown M’15 was invited by Marine Corps University Press to expand his 2015 NU master’s thesis on military strategist John Boyd and the origins of maneuver warfare.

Photograph by Sean Markey







body else, you can follow.” He commissioned the doctrinal manual that sort of captured that.

### **Is it still the war-fighting doctrine for the Marines today?**

Yes. It’s been revised over time, but it is still the conceptual strategic framework.

### **For the uninitiated, what is maneuver warfare?**

There are a lot of different answers. But its core element is looking at your adversary, first, as a thinking human organism. One that has a perception of what’s happening on the battlefield based on all the inputs into his decision-making framework. So if you can, you find ways to corrupt, corrode, degrade, slow down that decision-making framework—throw fog and misinformation and deception into his input. So that your adversary is processing misinformation, or degraded information, or total lies that you’re feeding them. You degrade his ability and that of all his different little groups of humans to oppose you in a cohesive, organized fashion.

You break them up into what Boyd called “noncooperative centers of gravity.” The key is that you’re not looking at killing and destroying everything on the battlefield. Rather, you’re slicing apart the connections that allow those targets to operate effectively against you. Once you do that, you don’t have

to kill everything on the battlefield. Because you have negated your adversary’s ability to impact you. You will still have to go and probably kill and blow up some stuff, right? Because part of breaking up those connections may mean physically attacking a target ... a tank or a communications node or a headquarters where the senior guy is.

But it’s looking at your adversary from a very human-oriented perspective—finding out what his weaknesses are and then finding ways to throw sand in the gears in every possible way that you can. So that they react more slowly to you, because they have bad information. So that, as they try to make decisions on the battlefield, each decision is more and more unhinged from the actual reality going on around them. Because you have clouded them—you’ve degraded them to the point where they can’t respond to reality.

### **Was that a radical approach at the time or merely an evolution Boyd made to existing strategy?**

It was an encapsulation of some other threads of warfare. Boyd would have been the first one to say, “This is nothing new.” He liked to give an exhaustive lesson on military history, going back to Sun Tzu and the ancient Greeks. Then all the way through World War II, Vietnam to the information he had. But he was trying to look at different types of conflicts to see, not just how you win, but how on paper, a smaller, less well-

armed adversary with smaller numbers won on the battlefield. This has happened time and again throughout history. Some have done it consciously, like Sun Tzu (545–470 BCE) during the Warring States Period in China. Others did it unconsciously; they looked at the battlefield and realized, “This is what I need to do.”

What Boyd did was, he collected those historical examples. The big new thing he brought to bear was to apply other, nontraditional military concepts and feed them into this intellectual framework on conflict. He brought in physics. He brought in political science. As 18th- and 19th-century Prussian general Carl von Clausewitz said, “War is continuation of politics by other means.” Boyd brought in a wider scope of different political perspectives. This included Marxism, Leninism—what drove the communists, the Soviets during the Cold War, and the Vietnamese in Vietnam. Boyd had elements of mathematics in there, as well. He took all this stuff and built a framework and a perspective for analyzing yourself and your adversary in this context and then making decisions to ruin your adversary’s own decision-making ability, using that framework. So the bedrock of maneuver warfare wasn’t new. If you’ve studied military history, all that stuff is out there. What Boyd had was a fresh insight. He had the broader perspective to see that you could bring in nontradi-

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

# **THE CLASS OF 2023**

## **465 ROOKS**

## **299 CIVILIAN STUDENTS**

## **15 CIVIC SCHOLARS**

## **38 STATES**

Top 10: Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Florida, California, Texas, Pennsylvania/Virginia



## “Russia found a way to take their smaller, lighter force and gain an asymmetric advantage by assessing how bad their adversaries were at information management.”

tional subjects and themes and apply them to make yourself a more effective war-fighting organization.

### Were there other themes you set out to explore in your book?

Yes. I wanted to try and break down a little bit of what I thought was an artificial barrier. One that seems to suggest maneuver warfare is only for conventional conflict. That you can't apply it to other things. I think that you can. When you really dig back into Boyd's thought, it's clear he intended that it did apply more broadly to other types of conflict, as did some of the other maneuver thinkers in the Marine Corps at the time. That's what I wanted to bring to light. Apart from how maneuver warfare applies to business, there are a lot of articles and other materials written about how our adversaries are using this theory of conflict against us.

### Give us some examples.

One article talks about how it applied to ISIS, another about how the Russians were kind of doing it. Their point was, it's maneuver warfare in re-

verse. Like, all of a sudden, we were the bigger, numerically superior, technologically advanced adversary. And you have these smaller, less-well-resourced opponents who were trying to figure out how to achieve their own objectives. And they were doing it by understanding what our weaknesses and vulnerabilities were and going after those. So ISIS, for example, their ability to get into the information battlefield essentially caught us off guard. At least in my personal opinion. They leverage things like social media, videos, Twitter, online discussion boards as recruiting tools, as ways to spread their ideas.

Looking at the Russian perspective, I touched on this a little bit in an article I wrote about modern applications of maneuver warfare. As far as Russia going into the Crimea, I read a couple of think tank reports that said, when the Russians went in, they didn't have a superiority of conventional forces. They actually went in with fairly light infantry and some light armored vehicles. *That* was their footprint. There weren't that many of them. But they had

used cyber and information to disrupt the decision-making capability of their adversary. They sowed so much confusion and they so degraded the ability of their adversary—their local adversary for starters, but also the European and ally nations as a whole. They clouded information to the point that you didn't have a good idea of what was going on, until they walked in and took it. Russia found a way to take their smaller, lighter force and gain an asymmetric advantage by assessing how bad their adversaries were at information management, for example.

I think there are groups around the world that understand that. Again, part of why I wrote the book was to pull the curtain back and say, “Hey, we kind of wrote the doctrine on this the first time, and now our adversaries are reading our mail, and they're using it against us. Let's go back and look at the history of this to get a better understanding of it, so that we can start being more effective in using it against our adversaries.” ■

**32 ACADEMIC MAJORS**

Top 5: Criminal Justice, Undeclared, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Security, Nursing

**74 ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS**

**24 HONORS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

**41 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM 23 COUNTRIES**

**36 LEGACY STUDENTS**





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EDWARD

LEON

WILL

HARRY

HIRAN



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*Stories of*  
**HOMECOMING**

In September, some 6,000 alumni, family members, and friends —the largest gathering in university history—returned to campus to reunite with friends, classmates, and mentors on the occasion of NU’s 2019 Bicentennial Homecoming. In the pages that follow are stories from the people and events that helped shape that historic celebration.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY KAREN KASMAUSKI  
TEXT BY SEAN MARKEY AND MATTHEW CROWLEY

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Stories of  
**HOME COMING**

## The BICENTENNIAL STAIRS

A dedication ceremony honors 78 trailblazing alumni and friends, whose service, sacrifice, and support tell the Norwich story

The letters came in the mail, surprising some recipients, moving and humbling others. The notes told the 78 men and women, or in some cases their families, that they'd be forever remembered on Norwich's campus.

Their names would be engraved in granite on one of the 78 steps of the new Bicentennial Stairs that would rise from the Sullivan Museum and History Center to the southeast corner of the Upper Parade ground.

Now the stairs were complete—a monument to the service, sacrifice, support, and trailblazing achievements of towering Norwich alumni and friends from the past century. Hundreds had gathered for the Thursday afternoon dedication ceremony.

Many of the 78 honorees were there. Among them were Robert Christie '44, Phil Marsillius '43, Thaddeus Buckzo '47, and Fred Weintz '47, four of the university's remaining WWII veterans. Now well into their 90s, the four served their country during its time of greatest need, before embarking on their own distinguished lives and careers.

### A CUT ABOVE

From left: *William Lasky '69, Charles Holden '67, Philip Marsillius '43, Joseph Milano '66, Douglas McCracken '70, and Kevin Crowley '70 at the Bicentennial Stars ribbon cutting.*

There was valorous Vietnam veteran and former POW George Wanat '69 and his beaming extended family. And Harold Martin, the great-grandson of Harold "Doc" Martin '20, the university's first African-American cadet. An Army major, Martin directed the ground school for WWII's famed and courageous Tuskegee Airmen.

Mike Popowski chaired the committee charged with the daunting task of selecting the 78 honorees. During the dedication ceremony, the Northfield lawyer and longtime Norwich friend spoke about the values and goals that animated and inspired the committee during their five-year effort. NU's 180-year-old mission statement was "like gold" for the committee's deliberations, Popowski said. "Each of the 78 honorees on the stairs embodies moral, patriotic, efficient, and useful service to





Above: NU President Emeritus Maj. Gen. W. Russell Todd '50 (center, facing) visits with fellow Bicentennial Stairs honoree Philip Marsillius '43. Top right: Dr. Robert Christie '44 of Hanover, N.H., a WWII veteran and former NU Board of Trustees member, was among the Bicentennial Stairs honorees. Bottom right: Mrs. Jaime Schneider, wife of President Richard W. Schneider, greets Dr. Christie and his son, Robert Christie, Jr.

## “THEY SHOW US THAT PEOPLE CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THIS UNIVERSITY, ITS MISSION, AND ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS.”

Norwich, their state [and] community, and our nation.”

They also possessed Norwich’s signature sine qua non traits—leadership and service. “At Norwich, values have always mattered. They did at our founding, at our centennial, and today more than ever ... Norwich values remain eternal.”

But most important, he said, the honorees were chosen because their lives and service tell the Norwich story.

Cadet Col. Ethan Hagstrom '20 also addressed the crowd, recalling his experience as a freshman, when like all rooks he was barred from using the Centennial Stairs.

“When I was a freshman, I could not wrap my head around this rule,” he said, thinking it was done merely to inconvenience him and other rooks. But Hagstrom told the crowd that over time, he developed a better understanding. Rooks “need to understand the gravity” of the people who came before them and the impact they had on Norwich. “That awareness and respect takes time to establish,” he said.

“Now there are new names,” he said. It was important for Norwich students to

learn their stories, and he told the crowd that as a student, he found the names on the new Bicentennial Stairs empowering. “They show us that people care deeply about this university, its mission, and its continued success.”

Lt. Gen. Craig Koziol '76, USAF (Ret.) was among those surprised and humbled to be honored with a Bicentennial Stair. During a 36-year Air Force career, Koziol received the Defense Distinguished Service Medal and other high awards. He described his inclusion on the Bicentennial Stairs as a “fantastic honor” and said Norwich provided the foundation for his successful military career.

“Coming to Norwich taught me about integrity, honesty, teamwork, loyalty, and helping people out to be successful. ... I’m very proud to have been able to attend this great university.”

Dr. Kevin D. Crowley '70, USA (Ret.) served with the Airborne at Fort Bragg before returning to Northfield to practice medicine and advise and mentor dozens of Norwich students who expressed interest in future medical careers.

“When I got the letter, I cried,” Crow-

ley said. “It’s just a humbling experience, and I don’t know as I’ll ever fully believe I belong on there.”

Brig. Gen. Kimberly Baumann '87 USAF distinguished herself as the first female Norwich cadet to reach the rank of general officer. An assistant adjutant general for the Rhode Island Air National Guard who also serves on the Norwich University Board of Fellows, Baumann said she was surprised, and pleased, to be honored.

“I don’t think any of us expect[ed] it,” said Baumann, who is married to a Norwich grad and the mother of another. “There was a whole committee there and a hundred years to choose from.”

She added, “Everybody who’s on the stairs, the ones who are still on Earth, I think our goal is to keep giving back to the university that gave so much to us.”

—Matthew Crowley and Sean Markey



## The **MENTOR**

Forty-four years into his Norwich career, Prof. Frank Vanecek  
Hosts a Homecoming Computer Class Reunion

Last year, Frank Vanecek ran into three of his former computer science students at a Homecoming lunch. Maryanne Burke '86 & P'18, who was one of them, said, "Let's have class!" The idea rattled around and stuck and then became a thing: Frank Vanecek's Computer Class Reunion during September's 2019 Bicentennial Homecoming.

Before we get to that, here are some things you need to know about Frank Vanecek. First, he loves teaching and he loves his students. He can still picture his old classroom in Dewey Hall. And while he now serves as the university's vice president of student affairs, Vanecek still tries to teach one course each semester. Sometimes his schedule works against him. But when it doesn't, Vanecek teaches for free. He led his first computer class at Norwich in 1976. Which means the doctorate has worked at the university for 44 years, or nearly a quarter of NU's entire history.

When people ask Vanecek when he'll retire, he has a pat answer. "Retire from *what?*!" You have to have a job to retire, he'll explain. Teaching has never been a job. It's been a calling, a passion, even a performance. He'll tell you that students know when a professor's heart isn't into their work. But teachers who love what they do, teachers who treat the classroom as a stage and lectures as an event—an

opportunity to not just convey what they know, but to captivate and inspire students—those are the good ones. Vanecek is that kind of teacher.

Here's another thing to know about Frank Vanecek. He's a sentimental pack rat. He still has his first gradebook from 1976. (That was the year he joined the Norwich faculty at the ripe old age of 23.) He still has the white T-shirt with "Coach Vanecek" and "The Cavs" (then of Cleveland NBA infamy), drawn in permanent marker by one of his classes from the mid-1980s. "Searching Cindy," "Program Pam," and other students signed the shirt. He still chops wood in a sweatshirt given to him by a student from another class, an elderly lady who took his course late in life and didn't understand most of the material. What she did understand, she sewed on the sweatshirt. When Dewey Hall was recently gutted for renovation, Vanecek asked a construction worker to save him a piece of wood. The guy gave him an eight-foot two-by-six. Vanecek cut it up into business-envelope-size pieces resembling IBM punch cards, so that he could pass them out to his former students at Homecoming this year. He thought they'd appreciate them. (They did.)

Here's another thing to know about Frank Vanecek. He cares about people, especially his students. Cares about them







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**MINOR CORRECTION**

*Prof. Frank Vanecek presents former student Dave Emory '78 with a transcript and back-dated computer science minor. Emory graduated a year before NU approved the minor.*



in a way that perhaps only someone who grew up without strong mentors of their own can. The list of students that Vanecek has taken under his wing, often with the help of his wife, Diane, is long. Too long to list here. But here's an example: the Rapley twins. James '94 and Nick '94 grew up in Inglewood, Calif., an inner-city neighborhood in greater Los Angeles. During high school, James saw the movie *The Final Countdown*, about a Navy aircraft carrier that travels back in time to WWII's Pearl Harbor. The movie inspired him to join the Navy. So along with his brother, he applied for Navy ROTC and to Norwich. Vanecek and his wife took the two young men under their wing and treated them practically as if they were family. James later went to Harvard Medical School and is now a Navy psychiatrist. Nick, meanwhile, has charted

### **PAYING IT FORWARD**

*Prof. Frank Vanecek exchanges a warm greeting with former student Maryanne Burke '86 & P'18—the spark behind his computer class reunion—in Mack Hall. Vanecek says his students are his legacy.*

his own meteoric success. He's a Navy captain in charge of the Naval Supply Corps School at the Naval Station in Newport. The Vaneceks were there for his change of command ceremony.

Here's one last thing to know about Frank Vanecek. He loves to tell stories. Here's one he likes to share about graduate school. After he earned his bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Dayton, Vanecek applied to master's programs around the country, thinking he was pretty hot stuff. Worcester Polytechnic Institute accepted him and offered him a teaching assistantship. At WPI, he wrote a paper with a professor and was encouraged to present their work at a conference in Florida. There, Vanecek ran into one Prof. Jeann, an "old geezer" from the computer science program at Dayton. Vanecek had never taken a class from Jeann. But he was stunned when he learned that Jeann—despite never having Vanecek as a student himself—had called a friend at WPI, who was the chair of the computer science department, and told him to offer Vanecek a slot in their master's program and a position as a teaching

assistant. The moral of the story is what matters to Vanecek. It's why he likes to tell it in the first place. And, as Vanecek will tell you, the moral is, "In your life ... other people are helping you and you don't even realize it."

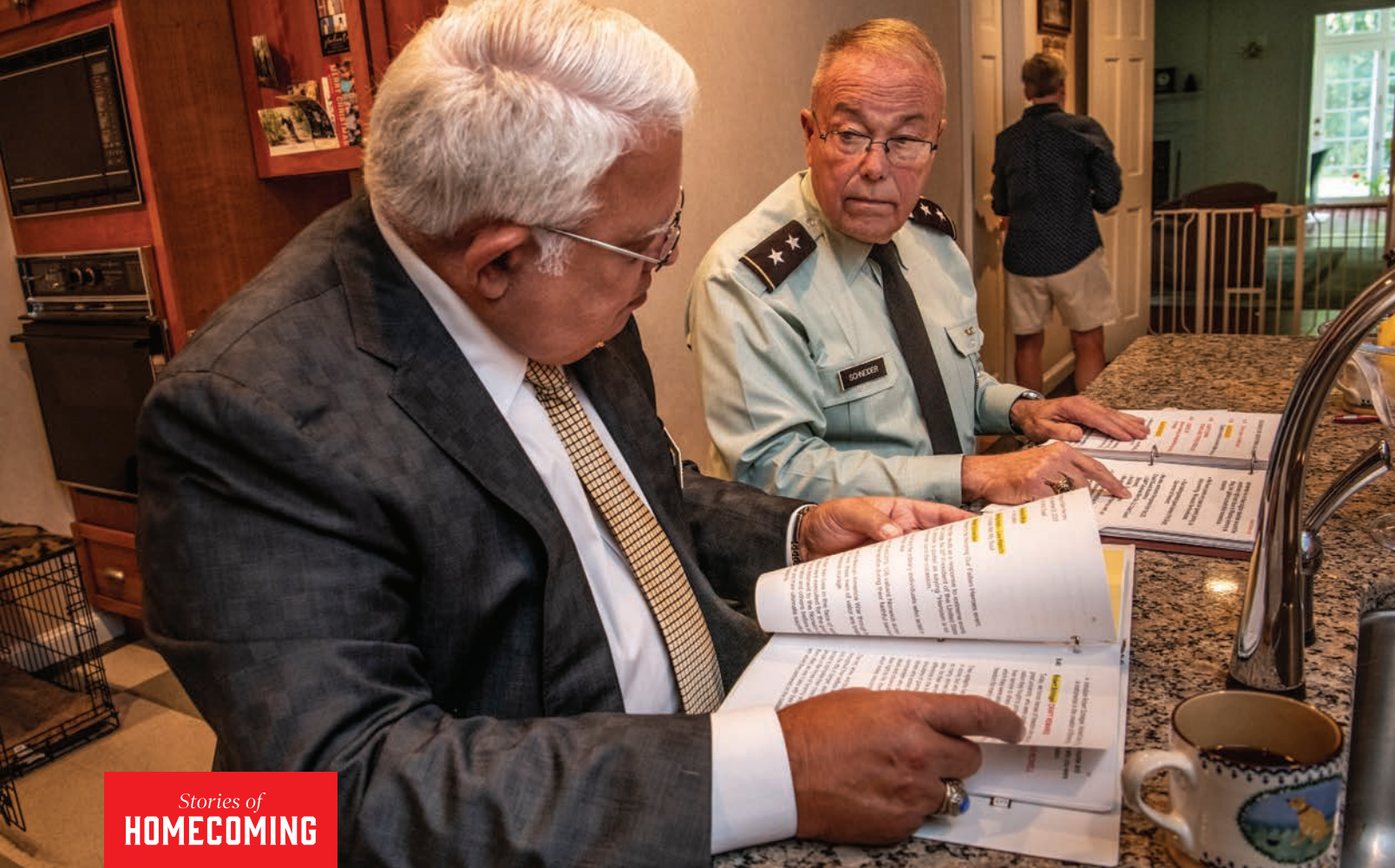
Frank Vanecek is one of those people.

So when alumni of four decades of computer science classes learned that their mentor was hosting "Frank Vanecek's Computer Class Reunion" during Homecoming and that a study area in Mack Hall would be named in his honor, they came. Vanecek stood on a proper stage, for once. Class began, and the professor gave his students one last quiz.

—Sean Markey







Stories of  
**HOMECOMING**

## The LEADERS

### CABINET MEETING

Above: Board of Trustees Chair Alan DeForest '75 (left) and President Richard W. Schneider review their Homecoming "battle books" early Friday morning in the kitchen of the Schneider home in Woodbury Hall. For both men, it marked the start of another marathon day. Schneider, alone, stumped at 99 events over four days.

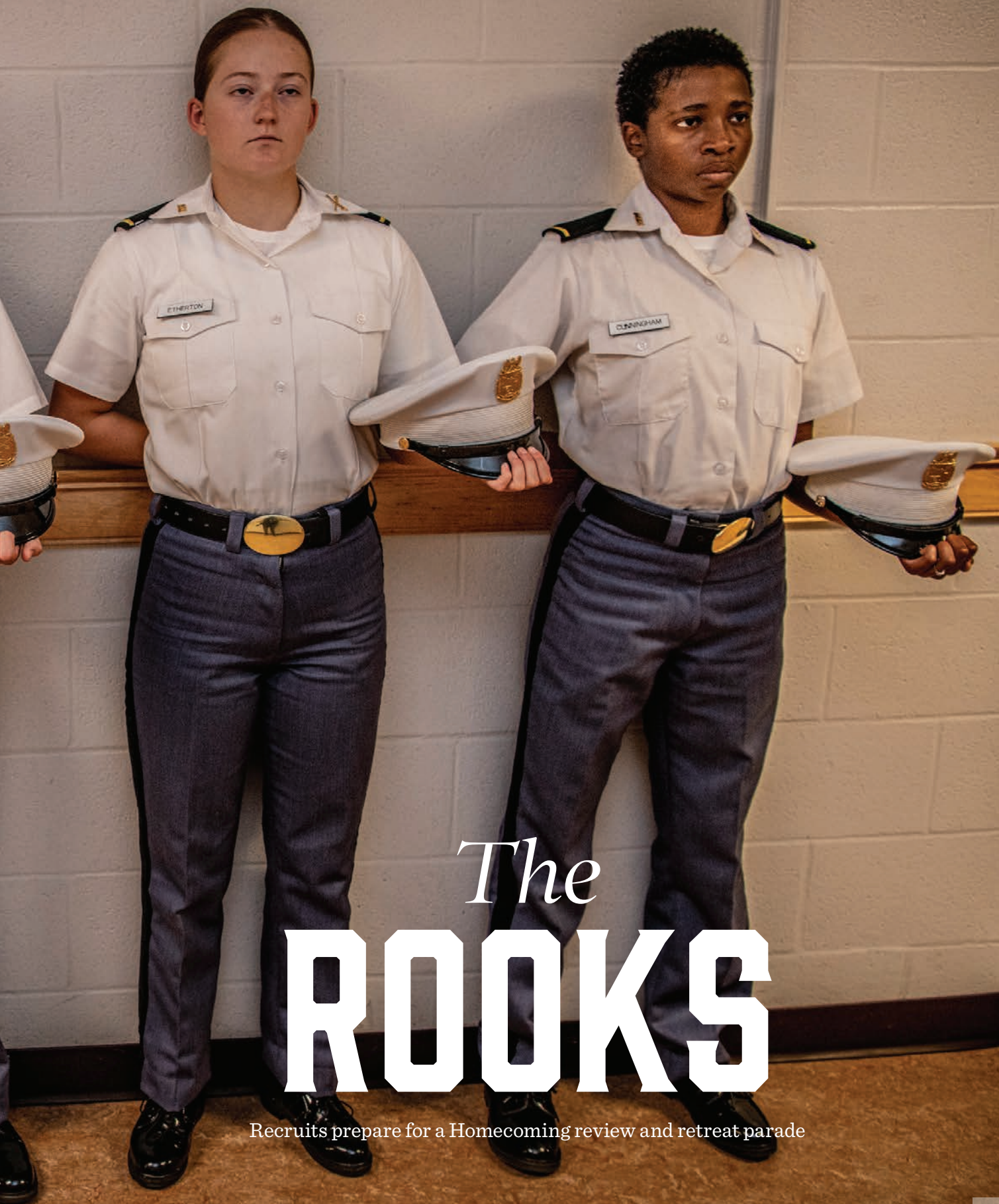
Right: Board of Trustees member Joel Kobert '65 stands outside Alumni Hall, his former rook barracks. The Bicentennial Stairs honoree co-chaired the university's record-breaking \$118 million (and counting) Bicentennial Forging the Future capital campaign. "This is the last reunion year where Rich Schneider is president of the university," the distinguished lawyer said of his friend and 2019 Homecoming's record-breaking turnout. "I think a lot of people really wanted to ... make sure that they recognize what he's done for the school in the 28 years that he's been president."







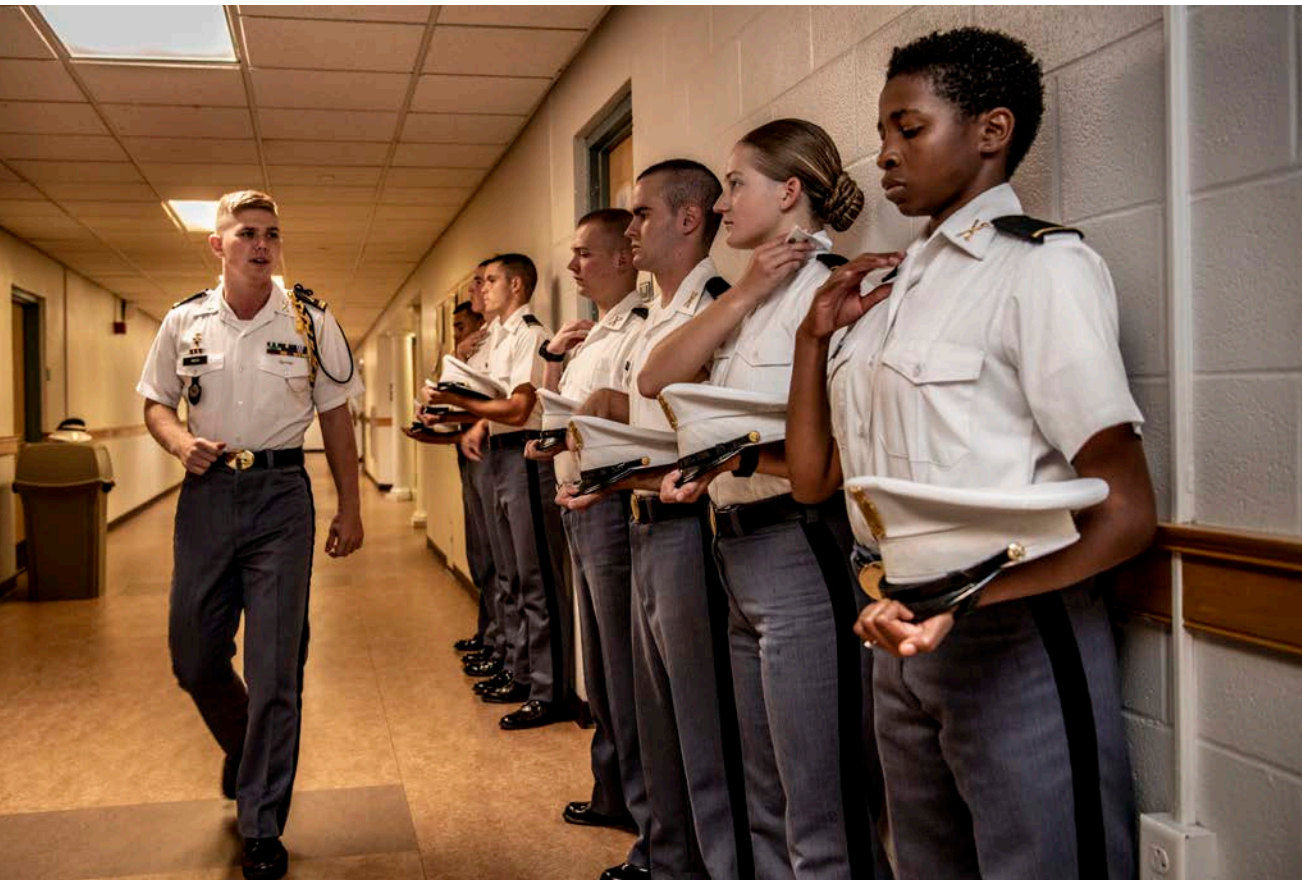




*The*  
**ROOKS**

Recruits prepare for a Homecoming review and retreat parade









## PARADE REST

*Top (left to right):* Third Battalion, Second Company Corps of Cadets recruits Michaela Hartz '23, Kimberly Cunningham '23, and Madison Etherton '23 prepare for a Friday afternoon review and retreat over Homecoming weekend.

The Alumni Hall barracks roommates are all criminal justice majors. A four-year national ROTC scholarship winner, Hartz plans to commission into the Army after graduation. Cunningham was born in Jamaica and raised in the island parish of Manchester. She moved to the U.S. in 2017 and served in the Air Force before enrolling at Norwich. Etherton is a native of Johnstown, N.Y. She hopes to become a state police officer after graduation.

"They know what they're doing. They're great kids," says 1st Sgt. Caleb Miller '21 (not pictured), a Marine option Navy ROTC midshipman from Phoenix, Ariz. "They learn well. We have a great NCO staff, as well. I'm very proud of them."

*Bottom left:* Staff Sgt. Cameron Reed reviews 3-2's rooks and offers stern words. "Take your collars and flatten them out right now. I don't know why your collars look like crap. *Hurry up Piper!* What time did I say get on the wall, yesterday?"

"1600," Cunningham says.

"I didn't ask you, Cunningham! I said 1645, not 1600! So why are you late? Not a good way to be starting off this weekend 3-2. Get outside and form a platoon. Ready." SM ■









# The **GALA**

For alumni and Bicentennial events AVP Diane Scolaro, five years of Bicentennial planning and celebrations had built to the most special event of all

**F**riday night's Homecoming Gala dinner was about to begin and Shapiro Field House looked nothing short of stunning. It was like high school prom, only better, grander and more elegant. Seven hundred luminous globes hung from the ceiling, whispering their soft light over a sea of tables. A ridiculously large 140-foot jumbo flat screen stretched behind a speaker's podium. Place settings decked in maroon and gold awaited the evening's 1,200 dinner guests.

Diane Scolaro walked to the gala's main entrance, ready to welcome the tide of expectant alumni. It was her favorite place to stand. More than a thousand guests were about to arrive, and Scolaro felt she knew many of them. Standing in the starfield at the door, she greeted friends old and new—trading smiles, sharing hugs, catching up, even if just for a few seconds.

She saw the reaction of everyone as they stepped into the hall. That was the best part. A word she heard often was, "Wow!" *Mission accomplished*, she thought.

It had been seven years in the making, Norwich's Bicentennial Homecoming. Two years of planning and four years of kickoff celebrations until this fifth and final year. It all culminated this week. This night especially. Tonight's gala was purely about celebrating. Celebrating Norwich on the occasion of its 200th anniversary. Celebrating the record-setting *Forging the Future* capital campaign. Celebrating the final year of President Richard Schneider's long and august tenure at Norwich. But most of all, celebrating the rich tapestry of people, whose lives and accomplishments and commitment and friendship and fealty remained ineffably bound to this campus, a place that taught them so much so early in their lives. And by now, Scolaro felt that inevitable connection, too—even if she never attended Norwich.

Eight years past and Scolaro could still recall in vivid detail the start of her own Bicentennial odyssey. Still a relatively new hire, still feeling her way, she met with Mike Popowski, the lawyer and university friend whose father

served as the commandant of cadets when he was at Norwich. She babbled on for 40 minutes, sharing her vision.

## **SMILES SAY IT ALL**

*Tony Johnson '94 (left) and fellow members of the Class of 1994 enjoy Friday night's Homecoming Gala in Shapiro Field House.*





## “IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, WHAT HAD TAKEN SEVEN DAYS TO CREATE WAS ALL BUT GONE—THE SPELL OF THE EVENING’S MAGIC BROKEN...”



### THE PARTY'S VICE PRESIDENT

Associate Vice President of Alumni and Bicentennial Events Diane Scolaro with her husband Michael.

When she finally stopped talking, Popowski returned a blunt assessment: *You stand a good chance of screwing this up*, she recalls him telling her. Then he shared some advice: *You need to surround yourself with good people*.

So she did. Heather Socha, technical designer Don Hirsch '71, the video team at Motion Pictures Division, the production specialists at Port Lighting, and so many others. Paramount was Doug McCracken '70, chair of the Bicentennial Committee. The retired Deloitte Consulting CEO proved an endless source of vision, wisdom, good ideas, energy, effort, and, truth be told, charm and comic relief. The latest example: McCracken's recent purchase of a multi-seat passenger van to address a purported "wine emergency" back home in North Carolina. (The dilemma being how to ship numerous cases of wine from his personal collection to his second home in Vermont in time for Homecoming and the many houseguests he and his wife were expecting.)

It had taken seven days to transform Shapiro. And now that the gala was in full swing, it was obvious to Scolaro and her colleagues that the evening was on a glide path to being an unconditional success. President Schneider and Vermont Gov. Phil Scott gave short speeches. Earlier, when Board of Trustees

Chair Alan DeForest '75 held the podium, he announced the latest figure from NU's five-year *Forging the Future* campaign, \$118 million—but not without a dash of showbiz. As the theme song from *Mission: Impossible* played over the P.A. system, NUCC Mountain Cold Weather Company cadet Arturo Torres '20 rappelled from the ceiling. Dashing from the far end of the field house to the stage, he handed DeForest a "note" as the final tally \$118 million flashed on the huge flat screen behind him.

Dinner, music, talking, and laughter carried the festive air into the night. As the clock passed 9 p.m., guests retreated from their tables like the tide, spilling outside for fireworks. Then—in a blink—the night was over.

Scolaro and some colleagues commandeered a couple of leftover bottles of champagne. They sat at an empty table and reveled in the evening's success, but only for a short while. Around them, dining services and production company staff stripped tables and broke down stage lighting. In less than an hour, what had taken a week to create was all but gone—the spell of the evening's magic broken, but not forgotten.

—Sean Markey

*Top right:* Board of Trustees Chair Alan DeForest '75, seen on a 140-foot flat screen, speaks at the podium in Shapiro Field House. It took seven days to transform the athletic facility into the glitzy setting for 1,200 dinner guests it was during Homecoming's Friday night Gala. *Bottom left:* Vermont Gov. Phil Scott greets a dinner guest; Bicentennial Committee Chair Douglas McCracken '70 (in maroon and gold striped tie) stands behind him. *Bottom right:* Mark Kisiel '59 (left) chats with Mike Popowski (center) and Bob Holmes '68.













# The **ALUMNI PARADE**

Sixty years on, the Magnificent  
Class of 1959 charges forward







**O**n Saturday morning, as thousands milled about before the start of the alumni parade, Harrison Baldwin '59 was rehearsing his bugle call, playing the opening notes to "charge" again and again. Sometimes the notes rang true. Sometimes they came out flat. But Baldwin's enthusiasm never flagged.

Backslaps and how've-you-beens broke through the bugle bleats.

Before long, 70 classes would march in an orderly mass along the road past Plumley Armory and across Sabine Field at Haynes Family Stadium's gates.

Joined by the Regimental Band drummers, an audience seated in folding chairs in front of the grandstand waited to welcome what President Richard W. Schneider called the largest gathering of alumni in Norwich history.

But back to the bugling: Baldwin explained that he was his group's designated musician, appointed by "bigwigs in the class." He said he was playing to remember Pierson Mapes '59, a friend and departed classmate, who'd spent four years in the Army after graduation before beginning his meteoric rise at NBC Studios,

where he ultimately served as vice president of network planning.

*Bada da BUM da BUM*, Baldwin bugled.

Nearby, Baldwin's classmate Joe Jordan '59 joked that being back on campus made him feel old, but glad. "I never would have guessed I'd make it to my 60th [reunion], but I did," he said. "It's great to be back. I'm seeing people I haven't seen since five, ten years ago."

Jordan explained that he only gets up to Norwich from his home in Mechanicsville, Pa. every five or ten years. Class reunions are the draw.

"In the early days, I didn't get to a lot of them, because I was in the Army, and I was on the wrong side of the world half the time."

Baldwin blew more notes.

"It's going kind of rough," Baldwin said of his pre-parade music. He played the tuba and euphonium and was in the Regimental Band years ago as a Norwich cadet but hadn't really tried the bugle.

"Let me get through the parade," he said, laughing, "and then I'll let you know if I feel bad or good about playing."

Whatever the result, Baldwin and his

### THE OLD GUARD

*NU President Emeritus Maj. Gen. W. Russell Todd '50 (resting on cane) chats with fellow classmate Dr. Ralph Kristeller '50 and Class of 1952 alum Addison Minott before the start of Saturday's Alumni Parade.*

fellow Class of 1959 alumni had plenty to celebrate. A 60th reunion. Thirty-eight out of 95 class members in the Partridge Society. A Sustained Service Award for Richard Thayer '59 for faithful, honorable service to the university. And Saturday's symbolic donation check of \$2,281,637.66, actual funds raised from Jan. 1, 2015, to Sept. 24, 2019.

Baldwin, like Jordan, said he was happy to see classmates. "Some of these guys I haven't seen for ages," the Keene, N.H., resident said. "And some of them haven't been back for 50 or 60 years. So, there they are."

Standing nearby was Bill Black '59, one of four '59ers who leave the comforts of home (in his case, Cape Cod) to make it back to Norwich every year for Homecom-



ing. He called the camaraderie wonderful and the bond strong.

"You couldn't ask for a better bunch of guys," Black said, adding that his class achieved a participation rate of more than 90 percent for the milestone reunions — 50th, 55th, 60th—raising, according to Development Office records, \$17.8 million during those tentpole events. "We all care for each other and we care for Norwich."

As parade time drew close, the group began walking. Richard Thayer '59 took one end of a yellow "Magnificent Class of '59" banner, David Bockoven '59 took the other.

Henry Pierpan '59 stood near the front of the line. He explained that the class had been through a lot. One hundred and fifty of them had graduated and commissioned into the Army together. Or as Pierpan colorfully put it, commissioned on a Saturday, graduated on a Sunday, and into the Army on a Monday.

Some among their ranks became generals. Gordon Sullivan '59, perhaps most famously, would serve as the 32nd Chief of Staff of the Army and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"We went through so much here at Norwich for four years, and that wasn't the easiest thing to get acclimated to," said Pierpan, who spent 20 years in the Army and now lives in Williamstown, Mass. "Then we started crossing one another's paths into the service and had a great deal of respect for one another."

It was time to move. Slowly, the Magnificent Class of 1959 walked down the path, into the stadium, and onto the turf. Baldwin kept playing when they arrived. He stepped to midfield. Then he blasted one last *charge!*

—Matthew Crowley

*Top:* Dr. Ralph Kristeller '50 from New Jersey, salutes Old Glory with hand on heart as he crosses Sabine Field. The former Air Force officer carries with him a special flag bequeathed by his son-in-law U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. William Cording, who died of pancreatic cancer in April. *Middle:* Members of the Magnificent Class of 1959 show their pride before taking their seats during Saturday's Homecoming Alumni Parade. *Bottom:* Vermont College graduates Mary William McLaughlin '59, Vanessa Bray '69, and Cindy Marriott '69.







*First-year running back Joshua Pough, #24 (center) of Baltimore, Md., listens with his teammates to head football coach Mike Murnyack's pre-game pep talk in Plumley Armory minutes before Homecoming's Saturday kickoff against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.*





# *The* **GAME**

The charged minutes before kickoff. A last-second field goal. Scenes from Homecoming weekend's unforgettable "Little Army-Navy Game" football matchup



**O**n Saturday, the Cadets football team, still undefeated, prepared to square off against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. At stake: “the Mug” and bragging rights in a 90-year rivalry. With 15 minutes until kickoff, the Cadets players and coaches crowded into Plumley Armory’s basement weight room.

Punter Matt Rogers ’20 approached starting quarterback Matt Dunn ’21. “Do me a favor,” he said. “Keep me off the field.” Dunn nodded his assent.

Alumnus Rob Robichaud ’02 urged the team to notice all Norwich football-loving people in the room. “Look to the left, look to the right,” he said. “You have brothers.” There’s past, he said, pointing to alums; present, looking at the players; and future, he said, picking up his young son, who looked to be about 4 or 5.

The team cheered and clapped. “Bring this thing up tight,” a player said. They gathered closer.

Head football coach Mike Murnyack stepped forward to talk. “Some people put it on the back of a T-shirt, and it says ‘tradition,’” he said. “At Norwich, you live it every day. The things that you did are the things these guys in here did. They put it on the line, for each other. They love this program and what it’s taught them. They want to see you be successful and carry on the tradition.”

“Being tough, being physical, handling adversities, outworking somebody—those are the things that we have the obligation to uphold. That’s our responsibility today.”

Then Murnyack reminded his players of last year’s 38-35 loss against the Coast Guard, and the pit they felt in their stomachs walking off the field.

“We’ve been waiting a year, now we get a chance to do it on Sabine,” he said. “No losses on Sabine, that mug is ours.”

The team prayed together and said, “Amen.” Then it was time to play.



*Clockwise from top left:* 1.) Before kickoff, football alumnus Rob Robichaud ’02 offers encouragement to starting Cadets quarterback Matt Dunn (#6) in the basement of Plumley Armory as sophomore outside linebacker Adam Sanchez (#46) looks on. 2.) Senior running back Connor Bourque (#20) celebrates in the end zone after a third-quarter 19-yard touchdown pass. 3.) Rooks cheer on the Cadets. 4.) Junior starting quarterback Matt Dunn of Rockland, Mass., scrambles for yards against the Coast Guard defense.









**ROOK REVELRY**

*First-year recruit Joseph Eckardt lets his enthusiasm shine as he and his fellow rooks cheer on the Cadets football team from the sidelines. In the final second, Norwich beat its 90-year rival, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.*





Four quarters later, the game had reached a dream-it-in-the-backyard moment for Cadets kicker Clyde Tamburro '21. A record-setting Bicentennial Homecoming weekend crowd at Sabine Field was on nail-biting, heart-racing edge. The Cadets in possession of the football just 26 yards from the goalposts. One tick left on the clock before game time expired. The scoreboard showed Norwich tied with their U.S. Coast Guard Academy rivals at 14 points apiece.

Up until now, it had been a nerve-testing afternoon for Tamburro. His first-quarter, 22-yard field goal attempt, which would have given the Cadets an early lead, went wide right. A score-tying extra point in the third quarter nearly went awry—the line-drive kick struck a goalpost before banking in.

Now, one swift kick could produce a fit-for-storybook ending; a miss could mean a fraught overtime. The stage had been set for Tamburro's last-second heroics earlier in the quarter thanks to two big drives by his team.

First came a touchdown, fueled by 49 yards of up-the-middle running plays and a drive-sustaining pass. On a fourth down-and-3, quarterback Matt Dunn '21 hit wide receiver Ryan Reed '20 for a 17-yard gain. With seven minutes left, running back Aaron Conner '20 ran into the end zone from 13 yards out for a touchdown. Tamburro's extra point leveled the score at 14 points each.

The Cadets defense then answered in turn, shutting down the Coast Guard offense on their next possession to force the Bears to punt two minutes later. Manni Romero '21 caught the kick, returning it 15 yards to put Norwich on its own 49-yard line.

Facing second down-and-24 deep into the ensuing Cadets drive, Dunn threw a 28-yard pass to Reed that moved the ball to Coast Guard 12-yard line. Norwich President Richard W. Schneider paced in front of the stands, imploring fans to make noise for the home team.

The game clock ticked down to one second. Cadets head coach Mark Murnyack called for Tamburro, who'd spent time on the sideline warming up, kicking balls into a net with rhythmic thuds.

The senior kicker trotted onto the field. Tamburro was in flow state, something he learned from his lacrosse coach, Neal Anderson. The junior wasn't thinking about making the kick. Instead, he focused on instinct. Up went the snap, down went the ball. Down went Tamburro's left leg, up went his right. The ball sailed up, splitting the uprights.

Ballgame.

The kicker started sprinting, full of adrenaline and energy, riding an incredible feeling of excitement. On the sidelines, Coach Murnyack stood silent, immobile and speechless after he watched Tamburro's kick sail through the goalposts.

The Homecoming stands erupted. The end zone cannon boomed. Players rushed to midfield, joined by the Corps of Cadets, who had cheered from the sidelines all game long.

—Matthew Crowley



# The **ALUMNA**

Growing up poor didn't matter. Neither did being female. Twenty years on, a cadet returns home

**D**awn Robinson '99 was so excited for Homecoming, she left San Antonio nearly a week early. The civil engineer and her husband, Mark, a computer scientist and university professor, decided to bring the kids along, turning the trip to Vermont into a family vacation.

On Sunday, as they drove their rental car—with ten-year-old daughter Sarah and nine-year-old son Jake in the backseat—past the Northfield/Norwich University exit sign on Interstate 89, Robinson took a picture. She posted it on Facebook with a single-world caption: “Home.” Within an hour, it seemed, dozens of replies lit up her page. Sure, the post might seem a bit twee. But in Robinson's case, the sentiment was real.

Robinson grew up in San Antonio, raised on a shoestring broken and tied many times over by her single mother. Still close to her dad, an Air Force medic, Robinson joined the JROTC program at John Jay High School, the largest cadet program in Texas.

Back in 1995 when Robinson entered Norwich as a rook, Shannon Faulkner was still making headlines at the Citadel, where she was receiving a vitriolic reception as its first female cadet. But unlike the Citadel or even the student corps at Texas A&M closer to home, being a female rook at Norwich was no big deal for Robinson. Women had served in the Corps at Norwich since 1974, one of the first among the country's senior military colleges.

Which may have explained, in part, why Robinson felt at ease from day one. Maybe it showed, because her cadre chose Robinson to spend her first week as a rook tailed by an Associated Press television crew, who were on campus to film a counterpoint story to the ongoing drama at Citadel.

In the Corps, no one judged you by the clothes you had or the shoes you wore or the car you did or didn't drive. Cadets all wore the same thing, anyway. “We were all gross, nasty rooks regardless of what your background was. We all started out the same,” she recalled. “Your background mattered so much less than who you were as a person.”

Robinson remained devoted to Norwich, a dream graduate for any alumni office. It was devotion to an institution that had welcomed her as she was and











### PEGASUS PLAYER

*Dawn Robinson '99 visits the auditorium in Mack Hall during Homecoming weekend. As a student, the former Pegasus Player appeared in the chorus during a production of Cabaret! The San Antonio mechanical engineer says art remains a creative outlet, especially with her children.*

helped her become the adult she wanted to be. In return, Robinson stayed connected. Over the past two decades, there was hardly a year that went by that didn't see her giving back, serving with the San Antonio alumni club or the university's alumni association board.

**N**ow, 20 years since graduation, it was time to meet with old friends and classmates. Robinson rented a Vermont farmhouse in a nearby valley with classmates Brian Gibbons '99 and Jennifer Bruhn '99 and their significant others.

On Monday, before most people arrived, Robinson and her husband took the kids to Bragg Farm Sugar House and Cabot Creamery. Everyone was having a blast, and, for once, Robinson got the timing right—trading the Texas heat for Vermont's Indian summer. (Rather than being one of those "crazy people" she felt like as a student, i.e., someone who traveled to Vermont in the winter and returned home to Texas in the summer.)

The family fun continued and by Thursday, as other friends trickled in, Robinson and her husband, Mark, and the kids planned to meet up with friends to tour campus. Around 11 a.m., Robinson took a moment to pop into Mack Hall and peek at the new building's lobby and auditorium. "Wow!" she exclaimed, stepping into the 460-seat theater. As a student,

back in the days of Dole Auditorium, Robinson joined the Pegasus Players, first as chorus girl in a production of *Cabaret*, later as a stage hand. Now she wondered if she could go backstage in Mack, to see if Dole's graffiti-covered, backstage brick wall had somehow been preserved. But the doors backstage in Mack were locked. No luck. Robinson posed for a quick photo and hurried off to rejoin her family.

As the weekend drew closer, more friends and classmates and fellow alumni arrived on campus. That night, Robinson and her friends hosted a Bravo Company barbecue at their rented farmhouse. Gibbons brought and shared photos from back in the day, including some Robinson had never seen before. It felt amazing to see her younger self marching with her fellow cadets to get their junior rings. Robinson also spent time catching up with Bruhn, her former roommate.

On Friday morning, Robinson ran in the second annual Alumni Dog River Run with Gibbons and Andrew Neil '99 and a squad of other classmates. The event was one that Robinson and her colleagues from the NUAA events committee had helped establish the year before. The chilly river couldn't dampen her spirits. Robinson planned ahead—she was an engineer and a gal from Texas, after all—and brought a change of clothes so that she could shed her wet running gear.

That night, her outfit had changed again. Robinson wore a shimmering plum ballgown to the Bicentennial Gala in Shapiro Field House, complete with a petite fur shoulder wrap—a nod, perhaps, to oil boom high society. The former rook crowned it all with a tiara. She brought her family and spent the first part of the evening table-hopping to chat with friends from the Class of 1999 who were there. Maryanne Burke '86 & P'18, another friend from the NUAA board, gushed over her tiara, borrowing it for a spell.

For her kids Sarah and Jake, the evening's highlights included the rappel by the Mountain Cold Weather cadet from the field house ceiling and the thundering fireworks display that followed the Gala.

The next day, Robinson marched in the Alumni Parade and later received the Sustained Service Award from the NU Alumni Association. As she stood on Sabine Field before the announcement, her friend and former rook buddy Carey Regis '99 found her there. The two were Facebook friends, but hadn't seen each other in person since graduation 20 years earlier. Robinson was thrilled to catch up.

Like everyone else, they had been through so much together at Norwich. More than most at other schools. It was a kinship Robinson felt not only for Regis, but for nearly any Norwich alum, whether she knew them at school or not. It was a feeling that they would be the type of person she knew she could be friends with.

By Sunday night, Robinson and her family had flown the 2,000 miles and an extra time zone back to San Antonio. It felt good to be home, returning to work and school. A few days later, Robinson would reflect on her Homecoming experience and what it meant. "You tend to have lots and lots of memories ... being at Norwich. But they do tend to get kind of sepia colored after a while." The trip to Norwich changed that. Seeing everyone on campus again snapped her back in time, restoring vividness to memories from her life 20 to 25 years ago, at the place she also called home. ■





# CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS

*With help from friends, Donald O'Neill '87 turned an annual fishing weekend into a big-hearted fundraiser for charity*

BY SARAH RUTH BATES

Walk into the Braintree, Mass., offices of Condyne Capital Partners, the real estate development and investment firm 30 minutes outside of downtown Boston, and you'll see plaques on the walls commemorating various charitable donations.

Less obvious is the story behind them: how a simple weekend getaway with friends organized by Condyne's vice president, Donald O'Neill '87, 18 years earlier slowly evolved into the big-hearted charity fishing tournament it is today. Known as the Big Game Battle, the annual deep-sea contest is now a fundraising juggernaut, one that can raise upwards of \$350,000 in a single weekend.

The proceeds of each year's tournament are donated to a different charity chosen by O'Neill and his fellow organizers. They typically benefit causes that support disadvantaged or ill children, or foundations seeking to advance research into humanity's most intractable diseases.

Of course, you don't need the walls to talk when O'Neill, ensconced in a Condyne conference room, can tell you the story himself. And as he explains, it all started with a group of guys. "We had, I think, three boats, and we said, let's go away for a fishing weekend. The next year, three boats went to five





### MIGHTY MARLIN

*Participants in the Massachusetts-area Big Game Battle fishing tournament show off a prize catch. Founded by NU alumnus Don O'Neill '87, the event has raised \$1.1 million for charity.*

summer camps for underserved or ill children, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Boston's Camp Harbor View, and the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

Causes often reflect personal experiences of tournament organizers or their families. Two years ago, for example, O'Neill's father passed away from leukemia. That year, the group chose Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as its funding recipient, raising \$192,000. Last year, tournament organizers donated to Home Base, an organization that supports returning military veterans.

O'Neill is careful, though, to maintain focus on the original spirit of the event, namely good company and good fun. "We don't want the charity to take over the fishing tournament," he says. "It's a tournament first, with a charity aspect. We don't want to lose why we're there—to have a good time. We're there to go fishing, and we [happen to] raise some money along with it."

At first glance, limiting the focus on fundraising might seem counterproductive. Why not talk up the tournament's charitable giving aspect? But as O'Neill explains, guilt-tripping people into donating would only drive them away. Instead, he focuses on keeping the "fun" in the fundraising. The result, he says, is that participants keep returning—and donating. "It adds up," he says. "It's not because we're carrying a big stick. ... Some people don't do it, and that's OK with us. But, together, we'll make a difference."

McLaughlin brings this up, too—that O'Neill's boundaries keep the event from mutating into an obligation, rath-

or seven." They ordered a silver prize cup, and agreed to engrave the winner's name on it each year. Attendance grew to 20 boats a year, then 30, then 40.

Today, the tournament is capped at 50 to 55 boats, captained, crewed, and supported by over 400 people. While the event itself lasts just a single weekend, participants' involvement continues all year. O'Neill, a communications major at Norwich, sends out a monthly newsletter, and various committees hold regular meetings.

Participants say the tournament brings one another and their families together. Hugh McLaughlin '87, a friend and classmate of O'Neill's, joined the tournament about a dozen years ago. McLaughlin was also joined by his friend Dan Evans '87. Hearing that Dan's wife Debbie Evans '87 (née Camelli) had recently passed away from cancer, O'Neill suggested Dan come along. "So we went down there, and we won it," McLaughlin recalls. "Everybody was excited to see Danny win after he'd had such a tough year. We all fell in love with the tournament."

For his part, McLaughlin has returned every year—with family in tow. He says the connections built during the tournament last far beyond the weekend. O'Neill's twin daughters have become "like sisters" to McLaughlin's eldest son, noting that both women flew to visit him for his 21st birthday.

And the tournament itself has a mission beyond just fishing. Eight years ago, the Big Game Battle started fundraising for charities. The philanthropy grew quickly and organically, just as the tournament itself had. "In the beginning," O'Neill says, "we thought, if we raise \$20,000–25,000, it's a home run." He laughs. "Then it went to \$75,000, then \$100,000. Then one year it's \$345,000." To date the tournament has raised over \$1.1 million dollars for charitable causes.

Choosing a new charity every year, O'Neill and his fellow organizers have donated the tournament's proceeds to support causes ranging from foundations seeking to prevent or cure diseases, such as multiple sclerosis, juvenile diabetes, ALS, and Rett syndrome, to





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er than a joy. “He keeps the brakes on it a little bit,” McLaughlin notes. “He says, ‘This is great, but I don’t want people to get exhausted by it.’ He doesn’t want captains saying, ‘I spent so much last year, I can’t do it again this year.’ He draws that fine line instinctively. It’s interesting to watch.”

It is a leadership instinct that O’Neill seems to have been born with and has only honed since their days together at Norwich, McLaughlin says.

By way of example, McLaughlin points to the fact that every boat in the tournament “has eyes on the other boats. If it’s a little bit bumpy out there, there’s always someone on the radio talking to you,” he says. “Safety is par-

amount. Everybody says that, but [O’Neill] acts on it.”

That attitude is infectious. O’Neill has built a community of people ready to help one another. If a boat loses a motor, other boats race to tow it in. The tournament may put fishing first and charity second. But with O’Neill at the helm, generosity permeates the event.

In conversation, O’Neill downplays his role as the group’s leader, bringing to mind the Zen koan, in which a master fixes something, then says, “It happened by itself.” O’Neill has been that way since Norwich, McLaughlin says. “Donnie was [one of the] captains of the hockey team, but he was not a boastful guy. He had a humility about him, and

always a warmth and a smile.”

The fact that O’Neill helped lead his college team came as a surprise, as he had simply told a reporter that he’d “played.” The exchange, when relayed to McLaughlin, makes him laugh. “There ya go.”

O’Neill still plays hockey with a group of guys, some from Norwich, on Tuesday nights in the Boston suburb of Hingham. Talking about it, he doesn’t raise his past leadership post at Norwich. He just goes straight into describing his community, and how lucky he feels to belong to it. ■

Tucson-based writer Sarah Ruth Bates received her master’s degree from Harvard.



# GENE WARD'S '49 BITTERSWEET HOMECOMING

BY DIANA L. WEGGLER

Seven minutes remained in the fourth quarter of Homecoming's Little Army-Navy football game. In the president's box, Eugene Ward—sporting his NU1949 baseball cap, Old Guard medallion, and Partridge Society 3-Star General pin—rose from his seat and belted out a Norwich fight song. It was a song that Ward and his wife, Grace, had sung together after every Homecoming touchdown of the last 66 years. This year, he sang it solo.

Just 10 days earlier, Grace had passed away from cancer. She was a constant companion during her husband's Norwich experience beginning in 1947, when she would take the train from Sloatsburg to spend weekends accompanying Gene to fraternity parties and football games. One of eleven children, Grace wasn't able to attend college. "Even though her grades were good enough that she would have qualified for an academic scholarship," Ward explains.

Which is why, a few years ago, the couple established a scholarship in her name. "Our hope is to make it possible for some young women to attend Norwich, who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity," Ward says.

NU's evolution to a coeducational institution is only one of many changes Ward, now 91, has witnessed in the 70 years since his graduation. When he entered as a rook in 1945, the Corps was a single battalion of 60 cadets, the stables still housed horses, and fraternities ruled university social life. His sophomore year saw the end of the Army Specialized Training Program and the return of World War II veterans from the classes of 1943, '44, and '45—more than a hundred of whom graduated with his class. But change is something Ward embraces. To wit, seeing what's new on campus is one of the things he "most looks forward to every year." The other? Seeing old friends. And, of course, watching the football game, too.

Before the game, Ward proudly toured campus with his grandson Jerel, who was there with his father Gregg Ward '79 on the occasion of the latter's 40th reunion. "Norwich is his second family—his pride and joy," Jerel says of his grandfather Gene. "You could see it in what he wanted to talk about, in what he wanted to show us. He made it a point to show me the tank on Sa-

bine Field, which was similar to tanks he commanded in Korea. And we looked in the museum for his Shuttleworth Saber, which he carried as the cadet major his senior year."

At Saturday night's Old Guard Dinner in the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier, Jerel sat at his grandfather's table, where they spent time listening to Bob Crecco '47, Ken Wright '49, and others from his grandfather's era. Jerel says he was struck by the depth of their commitment to Norwich, which seemed to reach beyond financial largesse. "It didn't feel like they were just giving money," Jerel remarks. "It was as if they were trying to give others the same kind of Norwich experience they had."

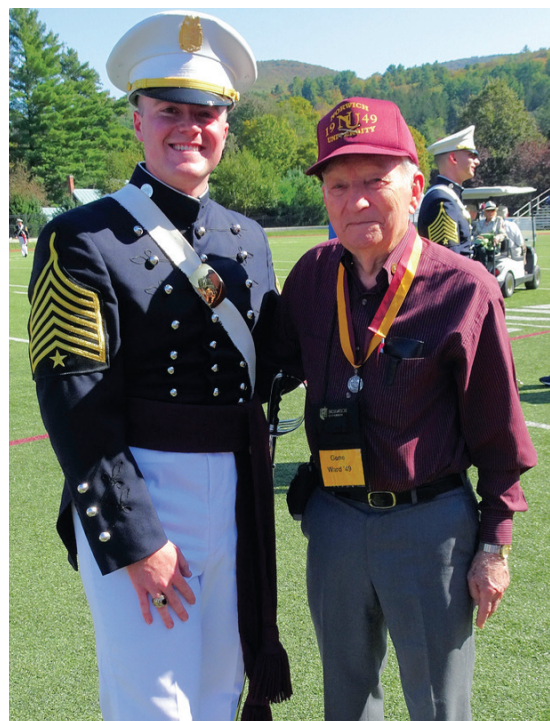
Back at the football game, Norwich famously kicked a field goal in the final second to defeat Coast Guard. Eugene breathed a huge sigh of relief. He had been looking forward to this Homecoming for at least the last ten years, and it did not disappoint. "It was one of the happiest moments of his life," Jerel recalls, "but also sad, because Grace wasn't at his side."

But Gene offered a wink. "I'm sure she was there." ■

## LEADERS ACROSS TIME

*Eugene Ward '49—  
Norwich's oldest living  
cadet major, the NUCC  
equivalent of today's  
cadet colonel—stops for a  
photo with current NUCC  
Regimental Commander  
Ethan Hagstrom '20  
during Homecoming.*

Photograph courtesy  
Jerel Ward





# Class Notes



## Class of 1941

Carol Crawford of Kensington, Md., contacted Alumni Office staff to share news about the 100th birthday party she was organizing for her father, Capt. **John W. Crawford** (USN, Ret.), who attended Norwich during the 1937–38 academic year. John left Norwich to complete his degree at the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1942. He served during WWII and fought in the Battle of Midway.

Despite spending just one year at Norwich, it “had a profound impact on him and has always meant a great deal to him,” Carol says. Some of the Crawford family’s favorite stories revolve around their father’s experiences at Norwich. “For example, the ... mandatory cavalry training and my father’s less than successful performance on horseback. He had greater

success, fortunately, on the ski team! More important than his tales of day-to-day life at Norwich, however, was the firm foundation that the school gave him to excel in life. He has always been expressive about the importance of Norwich to his life.” *See photo 1.*

## Class of 1963

**Brendan Cleary, Jack O’Neil, Lynn Olmsted, Fred Pacione, Don Fawcett, Bruce Bonnell, Nate Palmer and Ed Gallucci ’65** gathered

for lunch in Woburn, Mass., earlier this summer while several “snowbirds” were back in town. Nate took the opportunity to show off his new Ferrari. *See photo 2.*

## Class of 1964

**Col. Charles Viall** (USA, Ret.) wrote from Burke, Va., to say that he and his therapy dog, Bella, continue to visit soldiers at the military hospital at Fort Belvoir and nursing homes in the area. “In her first two years, Bella racked up 70

visits.” Now nine, Bella and Charlie have logged over 625 visits together. For her distinguished service, Bella was recently awarded the American Kennel Club’s highest award. The accolades do not appear to have gone to her head, however. “She still brings in the morning paper,” Charlie writes.

**2.** From the Class of 1963 (left to right): Brendan Cleary, Jack O’Neil, Lynn Olmsted, Fred Pacione, Ed Gallucci ’65, Don Fawcett, Bruce Bonnell, and Nate Palmer behind the wheel of his new Ferrari.







3. From the Class of 1969 (left to right): Bob Watson, John Mulhern, Tom Smelstor, Ed Hackman, Brendan Garvin, Doug Eagan, and Ethan Allen. Not pictured: Phil Boncore

4. Left to right: Maj. Gen. Mark Palzer, commanding general 99th Readiness Division; Lewis Vasquez '70; Edward Pesce '79; and Maj. Gen. Michael O'Guinn, deputy chief Army Reserves

5. Charles Roe '77

6. David Merker '81

### Class of 1969

In July, **John Mulhern** and friends from the Class of 1969 met for their annual gathering at **Ed Hackman's** house in Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H. *See photo 3.*

### Class of 1970

**Lewis Vasquez** attended a United States Army Reserves Ambassador workshop conference at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in N.J., where he met up with fellow NU alum **Edward Pesce '79**. Vasquez is a USAR ambassador for Connecticut. Pesce serves in the same capacity for Massachusetts. *See photo 4.*

### Class of 1977

In September, **Charles Roe** received The Charles W. David Jr. Life-Saving Medallion from the Chapel of Four Chaplains Foundation. Rarely awarded, the honor recognized Charles's lifetime service to all people, regardless of race or faith. The foundation is based at the former naval shipyard chapel in Philadelphia, Pa. *See photo 5.*

### Class of 1979

**Vincent Alfano** is serving as police chief of Ashland, Mass., a role he assumed on a permanent basis in July after coming out of retirement. According the *Milford Daily News*, Vincent began his career as a police officer in Framingham, Mass., some 30 years ago. He later served as chief of police in Bolton, Mass., for

about decade before retiring in 2015. The news outlet quoted Vincent as saying he has "been amazed at how the community has embraced me [and] my family in the short time that I've been here."

### Class of 1981

**David Merker**, director of systems development at the Air Force Technical Applications Center, was presented with the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award by the acting secretary of the Air Force, the Hon. Matthew P. Donovan, on June 6th. The meritorious executive rank award recognized David's "sustained extraordinary service" to the Department of Defense and the United States. It is the second-highest recognition a career Senior Executive Service government professional can receive. *See photo 6.*

### Class of 1983

**Annette Lacasse Redmond** was promoted to deputy assistant secretary for intelligence policy and coordination at the Department of State in September. Annette has served the country as both a military officer and senior civil servant for over 35 years and has worked at the State Department for the past two years.

### Class of 1984

In September, **Marc Kolenko**, PhD, completed the final defense of his doctoral dissertation, "Cyber Defender Cultural



Patterns and Operational Behavior,” at Capitol Technology University in Laurel, Md. Marc invites anyone interested in learning more about his dissertation topic to connect with him on LinkedIn.

**Bob and Kathy '85 Welsh** wrote to say they are still in northwest Arkansas, where Bob serves as the senior director for transportation procurement at Walmart. Kathy, meanwhile, works as an ESL teacher for the Rogers, Ark., school district. “We are empty nesters! Our son Harry is 27 and a video coordinator for the Minnesota Twins AA affiliate in Pensacola, Fla. Our daughter Andrea, 24, is the assistant designer for exhibitions for the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Ark.” They looked forward to reconnecting with classmates during Homecoming.

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### Class of 1987

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Classmates **Hugh McLaughlin, Chuck Pappalardo, Dan Evans, Don O’Neill, and Michael Valenti** joined **Jim Gikas '86** and **Vin McDermott '90** to organize a one-day Boston tuna and shark fishing tournament for Norwich alumni. The June event was held at Boston’s new Fan Pier Marina and drew 10 boats. Over 60 alumni gathered for what **Dave Casey '80** described as “an awesome day on the water.” Casey said the gathering is intended to grow into an annual event. *See photo 7.*

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### Class of 1990

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Col. **Eric Brigham** (USA, Ret.), Lt. Col. **Matt Dale**, and Lt. Col. **Mike and Darlene Barnett**—members of the Norwich Alumni Club of Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea—gathered in September for a Bicentennial photo. *See photo 8.*

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### Class of 1992

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**Mark Lester** was recently named CEO of Alaska Aerospace Corporation by its board of directors. The company operates the Pacific Spaceport Complex—Alaska on Kodiak Island, which is an FAA-licensed orbital and suborbital space launch complex for government and commercial customers. Alaska Aerospace also provides launch services to other spaceports around the world. *See photo 9.*

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### Class of 2008

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Army Maj. **Nicholas Cimler** recently graduated from the U.S. Naval War College with a master of arts in defense and strategic studies. Nick has been assigned to 4th ID at Fort Carson, Colo.



**7.** Left to right: Tom Benson '87, Hugh McLaughlin '87, Michael Conlon '87, Don O’Neill '87, Steve Cavallo '87

**8.** Left to right: Col. Eric Brigham '90, Lt. Col. Matt Dale '90, and Lt. Col. Mike '90 and Darlene Barnett '90

**9.** Mark Lester '92, Kodiak Island, Alaska



## Class of 2010

**Michael Thompson M'10** is undoubtedly applying his master's degree in public administration following his appointment to the Board of Commissioners for the Township of Cumru in Berks County, Pa. Appointed to fill a vacancy, Michael's current term expires in January 2020. He plans to run for a full four-year term during November 2020's general election. Good luck, Michael!



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## Class of 2012

**Rob '10 and Rebecca Burnham** (née **Aidala**) wrote to share the happy news of the birth of their third boy, Edward Charles "Teddy" Burnham. He joins brothers Patrick (5) and Owen (2). *See photo 10.*



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## Class of 2013

**Andrew and Katherine Stanton '14** (née **Proffitt**) also have baby news. Samuel Revan-Alexander Stanton joined the family on September 10, arriving just before lunchtime and weighing a healthy 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Mom and baby are doing well. Clan Stanton say they are excited to share their news with their extended Norwich family. *See photo 11.*



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10. Edward Charles "Teddy" Burnham

11. Samuel Revan-Alexander Stanton

12. Matthew Harris '18 (left) and Dylan Provençal '15

## Class of 2015

U.S. Coast Guard officers **Dylan Provençal '15** and **Matthew Harris '18** are currently serving together in the Shoreside Security Division in PSU 301 in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. Both are maritime enforcement specialists 2nd class. *See photo 12.* ■

**CORRECTION:** In the Annual Report appearing in the Fall 2019 *Norwich Record*, we published the names of donors to the University. Unfortunately, 155 names of donors who had made gifts were omitted from the Partridge Society Annual Membership section. Our deepest apologies for our error. Their gifts help ensure we can provide the appropriate learning environment for today's students and for future generations to follow.

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Dennis Stone '70  
Michael J. Sullivan '66  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sweeney '62  
Michael '85 & Dawn '85 Teague  
Phillip & Minerva Tetreault '88  
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Thirkell, Jr. '60  
Jeanette E. Thoden W'70  
Professor & Mrs. John G. Thomas '64  
CPT & Mrs. Terry Van Meter, USA (Ret.) '66  
COL & Mrs. Douglas S. Watson,  
USA (Ret.) '76  
Gary '66 & Susan '67 Welchman  
Mark '86 & Michelle Young  
Robert C. '59 & Kathryn H. Young P'85

#### **Corporations & Foundations**

351 Realty Corporation  
Blackey Family Foundation, Inc.  
Citizens Bank Charitable Foundation  
NEDC Fabricating Solutions, Inc.  
Shoreline Surgical Solutions



## ROLL OF HONOR

The following list reflects notifications of deceased Norwich family members received by the university from July 9, 2019 to September 25, 2019. Full obituaries, when available, can be viewed online at [alumni.norwich.edu/obituaries](http://alumni.norwich.edu/obituaries). To inform the university of the passing of a member of the Norwich family, please contact the Alumni Office at (802) 485-2100 or [inmemoriam@norwich.edu](mailto:inmemoriam@norwich.edu).

- 1949 Grace L. Ward, 90, 9/5/2019, *Spouse of Eugene Ward '49*  
 1950 Elo N. Vani, 91, 6/28/2019  
 1950 Nancy A. Ford, 89, 7/4/2019, *Vermont College*  
 1951 Malcolm E. Givens, 90, 8/11/2019  
 1951 Paige S. Gauvreau, 8/14/2019, *Vermont College*  
 1952 Robert P. Eaton, 89, 8/21/2019  
 1952 Martha Lampman, 86, 7/30/2019, *Widow '52*  
 1953 Patricia S. Reid, 86, 8/3/2019, *Vermont College*  
 1954 Judith C. Tye, 87, 4/3/2019, *Widow of Allen Tye '54*  
 1955 Chester E. Szwejkowski, 87, 7/31/2019  
 1956 Barbara G. Poplawski, 83, 8/23/2019, *Vermont College*  
 1957 Carl H. Kopp, 84, 7/27/2019  
 1958 James R. Poach, 83, 7/28/2019  
 1958 Roger C. Gilman, 84, 8/15/2019  
 1958 Robert G. MacIntire, 84, 8/16/2019  
 1959 George W. Youngerman, 83, 7/14/2019  
 1959 Victor D. Govoni, 82, 9/23/2019  
 1962 Harry T. Burgess, 79, 7/10/2019  
 1963 Linda M. Shanahan, 76, 8/16/2019,  
*Spouse of Robert Shanahan '63*  
 1964 R. Barry Butler, 77, 7/30/2019  
 1964 Robert E. Bale, 77, 8/6/2019  
 1964 Frederick L. Clegg, 77, 8/31/2019  
 1964 Forrest A. Zimbrich, 77, 4/4/2019  
 1964 Harold L. Slover, 77, 9/12/2019  
 1964 Marsha A. Budnick, 76, 8/20/2019,  
*Spouse of Lawrence Budnick '64*  
 1965 Edward W. Bogle, 75, 7/2/2019  
 1965 Joseph W. Majcher, 75, 8/23/2019  
 1966 Frederica F. Griffin, 73, 8/11/2019, *Vermont College*  
 1967 James T. Duggan, 75, 8/17/2019  
 1973 Michael J. O'Brien, 68, 7/20/2019  
 1974 Michael J. O'Neill, 67, 7/18/2019  
 1976 Paul D. Kelley, 65, 9/10/2019  
 1976 Helen S. Schult, 62, 7/27/2019, *Vermont College*  
 1987 George S. Willis, 73, 8/10/2019, *Vermont College, Master's*  
 1990 Robert J. Arnold, 51, 7/31/2019  
 1996 Catherine A. Meeks-Wagner, 63, 8/26/2019,  
*Vermont College*  
 2019 Garsevan L. Bekauri, 7/1/2019, *Student*  
 2020 Keanan M. Thompson, 22, 9/15/2019, *Student*  
 Frederick D. Larsen, 89, 8/13/2019, *Retired faculty*

# Club News



## 2019 Student Sendoffs

NU Clubs across the country hosted 38 Student Sendoffs to welcome incoming students and their families. This year's incoming students, the Class of 2023, are distinct because they will be the first students to lead Norwich into its third century of service. One incoming student said the highlight of their Student Sendoff experience was "... meeting all of my classmates that will be joining me this year. Plus, all of the funny and inspirational stories from all of the Norwich alumni."

More fun facts:

- In Texas, the NU Club of San Antonio had the largest ever crowd at their Student Sendoff—78 people! (*Top photo.*)
- Meanwhile in Maine, state Gov. Janet Mills, whose grandson is a rook, attended the Student Sendoff in Freeport. Mills gave each incoming student a special memento.
- At the Central Massachusetts Student Sendoff, incoming rook Eddie Diaz '23 was so excited about the event that he brought 32 family members with him! (*Photo right.*)





## Calling All Alumni!

Every year NU Clubs host networking events to give current students the opportunity to expand their Norwich connections. Does your company have internships or entry-level employment opportunities? Do you have career advice to pass on to the next generation? If so, these events are for you! Contact Renee Charbonneau '18 (rcharbon@norwich.edu) for more information about networking events near you.

—HEATHER SOCHA,  
*Director of Alumni  
 & Family Events*  
 hosocha@norwich.edu



## PARTRIDGE SOCIETY

The mission of the Partridge Society is to encourage alumni, parents, and friends of Norwich University to help the University achieve its financial goals and to formally recognize those who do so.

The Partridge Society Board of Directors welcomes the following new and promoted Lifetime and 1819 Circle Members and acknowledges new levels achieved between June 1, 2019 and August 31, 2019.

### FOUR-STAR GENERAL MEMBERS

(\$500,000–\$749,999)

Dave '61 & Roz Carlson

### THREE-STAR GENERAL MEMBERS

(\$250,000–\$499,999)

Jack '55 & Rosemarie Okonski

### TWO-STAR GENERAL MEMBERS

(\$100,000–\$249,999)

David '87 & Kimberly Abare

Justin & Corine Connors

Foundation '91

David '85 & Linda Pierce

Tom '69 & Carolyn Rumney

### ONE-STAR GENERAL MEMBERS

(\$50,000–\$99,999)

Jack '67 & Francie Bergquist

Daniel M. Lay '83

Paul A. Lazure '69

Francis '60 & Gertrude

Moran, Jr.

LTC & Mrs. James E. Mullin,

USA (Ret.) '65

Nicholas R. Spagnoli '59

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

(\$20,000–\$49,999)

Andrew Bannon '96

Dr. Lance E. Banwell '70

Bob '70 & Cookie Bohman

Mrs. Tina A. Kelley, W'76

Doug '55 & Diane Chapman

Col & Mrs. Shaun Kelleher,

USAF '84

COL & Mrs. William Mooney,

USA '86

Richard E. Schmidt '62

Bill & Melissa Stewart P'15

John '64 & Jiannina Van Lund

Colm Walker '05

Kazem '80 & Karen

Yahyapour

### 1819 CIRCLE MEMBERS

Daniel & Nancy Archuleta

Mrs. Tina A. Kelley, W'76

Douglas J. Selden '66

Edward Sullivan, Jr. '91



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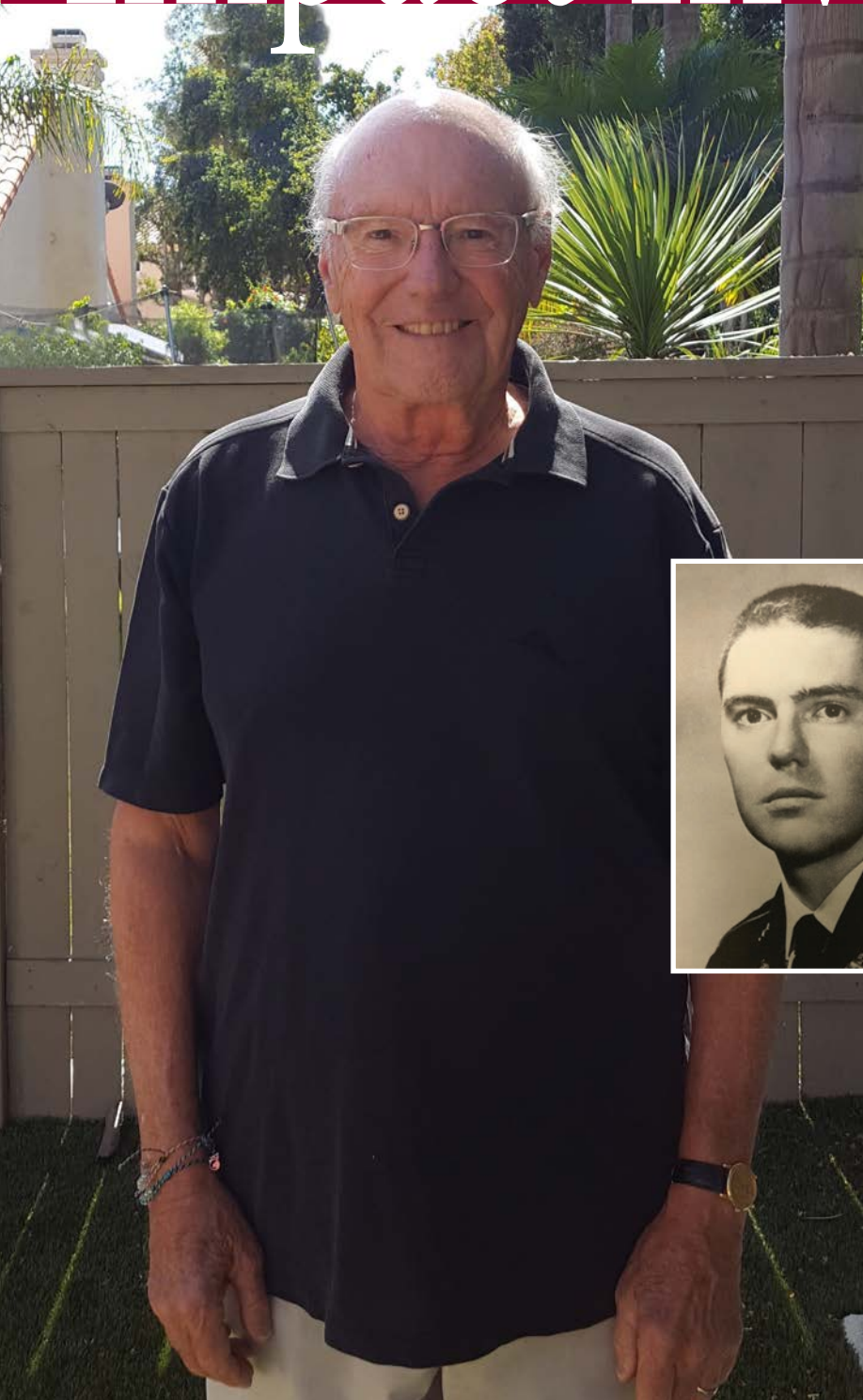
## THE LAST DETAIL

At home in Woodbury Hall, President Richard W. Schneider polishes his shoes before the start of another marathon day of Homecoming events. In our next issue, we join Schneider in his final months in office. (Spoiler alert: He's working as hard as ever.)

Photograph by Karen Kasmauski



# Impact Investment



*“Since graduation I have made an annual gift to Norwich. It is the least I can do for a university that provided me an education, leadership skills and friendships that have enriched my life. In recent years I have used a Qualified Charitable Distribution from my IRA to make my gift. I find this gives me two benefits: a reduction in my taxable income under the new tax laws and a means by which I can support a place I care deeply about.*

*I have also included Norwich in my estate plans, allowing me to provide significant support for the Forging the Future campaign. My legacy gift will have a lasting impact on future generations of Norwich students, the same way the school infused a positive impact on my life.”*

– Bob Halleck ’64



For more information on how you can invest in Norwich, please contact Megann O’Malley, Associate Director of Planned Giving at (802) 485-2282 or momalley@norwich.edu and mention this ad!

You can also visit us at [www.norwichgiftplans.org](http://www.norwichgiftplans.org)





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