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Change 1

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Captain Brendan J. O'Donnell, USN (Ret) Midshipmen Battalion Commander 1970-71 **Note:** the following changes may be made to the 2016 printed history. These are based on additional research on NROTC graduates that was conducted in 2017.

I. Overview of the Holy Cross NROTC Unit

A. The First Twenty-Five Years: 1941-66

- 1. Second page, second paragraph, third line, change:
 - "Fifty-four Ensigns were..." to "One hundred eighteen Ensigns and one Second Lieutenant were..."
- 2. Second page, sixth paragraph, fifth line, change:
 - "...class of 25 Ensigns and 8 Second Lieutenants..." to "...class of 25 Ensigns and 3 Second Lieutenants..."
 - "...increased to 37 Ensigns and 17 Second Lieutenants in 1951..." to "...increased to 36 Ensigns and 9 Second Lieutenants in 1951..."
- 3. Second page, sixth paragraph, sixth line, change:
 - "...67 Ensigns and 9 Second Lieutenants in 1952..." to 67 Ensigns and 6 Second Lieutenants in 1952..."
- 4. Third page, first paragraph, first line, change:
 - "...varied from 33 in 1950 to 81 in both 1959 and 1960..." to "...varied from 28 in 1950 to 78 in 1960..."
- 5. Third page, first paragraph, second line, change:
 - "...total of 983 (749 Ensigns and 234 Second Lieutenants)... to "...total of 914 (752 Ensigns and 162 Second Lieutenants)..."
 - "---almost 58..." to "...almost 54..."
- 6. Third page, first paragraph, third line, add:
 - "In addition, the Platoon Leader Class (PLC) commissioned at least another 114 Marine officers in this period."
- 7. Third page, second paragraph, first line, change:
 - "The 1246 officers..." to "The 1242 officers..."
- 8. Third page, second paragraph, second line: change "...almost 53%..." to "...52%..."

B. The Second Twenty-Five Years: 1967-1991

- 1. First page, first paragraph, seventh line, change:
 - "...seven of whom..." to "...six of whom..."
- 2. Second page, second paragraph, fifth line, change: "179" to "177."
- 3. Second page, second paragraph, sixth line, change: "45" to "44".
- 4. Second page, second paragraph, seventh line, change:
 - "192" to "200"
 - "19" to "20"
- 5. Third page, first paragraph, second line, change:
 - "nine officers" to "ten officers"
 - "37" to "27"
- 6. Third page, second paragraph, fifth line, change: "292" to "295"
- 7. Third page, second paragraph, sixth line, change: "...over 36..." to "...37..."

C. The Third Twenty-Five Years: 1991-2016

- 1. Second page, second paragraph, sixth line, change: "292" to "295"
- 2. Second page, second paragraph, seventh line, change: "36" to "37"
- 3. Second page, second paragraph, seventh line, change: "163" to "165"
- 4. Second page, third paragraph, fourth line, change:
 - "...170 (an average of 21 per year)." to "...174 (an average of 22 per year)."

II. Appendix A. Holy Cross NROTC Unit Graduates 1944-2016

- 1. First page, first paragraph, fourth line:
 - Delete the sentence beginning with "The underlying source..."
 - Replace it with: "This report was subsequently updated and corrected by the author of this history."
- 2. First page, second paragraph, fourth line: delete phrase beginning "however, there are..."
- 3. First page, fifth paragraph, change:
 - "...2372 officers: 1931 Navy and 441 Marines." to "...2383 officers: 2008 Navy and 375 Marines."
- 4. First page, fifth paragraph, second line, add:
 - "In addition, at least 129 Marine officers have been commissioned through the Holy Cross PLC Program."
- 5. Second page, replace: Table 1:
 - In title, change "NROTC" to "NROTC and PLC"
 - Replace table with the following table.
- 6. Second page, Table 2:
 - In title, change "NROTC" to "NROTC and PLC"
 - Add 'PLC' at the end of Lt Gen Twomey's line.

Year	ENS	2LT	Total	Avg	PLC	HC	WPI	WSU	Clark	Assm	Cen NE	Total
1944-47	305	19	324	81		324						324
1948	0	0	0	0		0						0
1949	0	4	4	4		4						4
1950-66	752	162	914	54	114	914						914
1967-70	160	17	177	44	9	177						177
1971-80	167	33	200	20	2	194	4			2		200
1981-83	41	4	45	15		32	10		3			45
1984-91	250	45	295	37		153	104	14	7	14	3	295
1992-	130	35	165	16	3	97	55	9	1	3		165
2001	4.44	22	454	22		100	40	2-				151
2002-09	141	33	174	22		108	40	26				174
2010-16	62	23	85	12	1	49	27	9				85
Totals	2008	375	2383	33.5	129	2052	240	58	11	19	3	2383

III. Appendix B. The Supreme Sacrifice

1. First page, replace the last 3 paragraphs with:

For the post-WWII period, 34 individuals who died on active duty have been identified from the various sources: 17 NROTC graduates and 17 non-NROTC students (although two of the non-NROTC students each spent a year in the NROTC before being disenrolled and two more were PLC graduates). Apparently, no active duty combat deaths occurred among Classes 1945-48.

Of the 17 NROTC Unit graduate deaths (Table 3), 8 were in combat and 9 were non-combat; of the 17 non-NROTC student deaths, 15 were in combat (including both PLCs) and 2 were non-combat.

Other NROTC Unit graduate death statistics:

Service: 10 Navy, 7 Marine Corps

School: 14 Holy Cross, 3 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Warfare Specialty: aviation 10, infantry 3, SEAL/UDT 2, submarine 1, unassigned 1

2. Table 3: change title from "...NROTC Unit..." to ",,,NROTC Unit and PLC..." and add:

1947 David W. Walsh USMC Maj Quantico 29 Nov 60 Heart attack

1955 Joseph M. Loughran: add "(PLC)" after name

1968 Michael P. Quinn USMC 2LT Co. H, 29 Aug 69 KIA, on patrol, south (PLC) 2nd Btn, of Danang, Quang 7th Marines Nam Province

1987 Daniel J. Duggan USN ENS n/a 3 Mar 90 Died in motorcycle WPI accident in Pensacola

IV. Appendix C. Heroism in Combat

1. Add the following paragraph and re-number subsequent paragraphs.

11. Lieutenant Colonel (then First Lieutenant) Harold D. Fredericks, HC '47 NROTC

- a. Date: 3 December 1950
- **b.** Unit: Platoon Commander, Company H, Third Battalion, 5th Marines,
- c. Circumstances:
 - Sinhung-ni, east of Chosin Reservoir, Korea.
 - Led successful assault over open, frozen terrain against left flank of enemy-held ridge.
- **d.** Other:
 - Career Marine; commanded First Battalion, 4th Marines in Vietnam
 - Died: 28 June 2009; buried Mount Union Cemetery, Philomath OR

- 2. Second page, second paragraph (Martin J, O'Brien), add sub-paragraph:
 - d. Other: buried: St. John Cemetery, Worcester MA
- **3.** Third page, second paragraph (Robert A. Herron), add sub-paragraph:
 - d. Other: buried: Fort William McKinley (Manila American Cemetery), Philippines
- **4.** Fourth page, first paragraph (Thomas J. Alberghini), sub-paragraph d, add:
 - After death date: "...; buried Arlington National Cemetery."
- 5. Sixth page, first paragraph (James J. F. McGoey), sub-paragraph d, add:
 - Additional bullet: "Buried: Calvary Cemetery, Queens NY

V. Appendix E. Women Veterans from Holy Cross and the NROTC Unit

- **1.** First page, third paragraph:
 - Second line, change: "...approximately 97..." to "...99..."
 - Third line, change: "...at least 13..." to "...14..."

VI. Appendix F. Transition to a Consortium

- **1.** First page, third paragraph:
 - Seventh line, change: "179" to "177"
 - Eighth line, change: "45" to "44"
- 2. Second page, second paragraph, fifth line, change:
 - "108" to "109"
 - "...just over 21..." to "...of about 22..."

VII. Appendix G. The Peace Dividend

1. First page, third paragraph, fourth line, change: "164" to "165

VIII. Additional Changes Not Included in This Document

- **1.** A photo was added to Appendix E, Women Veterans, showing the swearing-in of the first woman midshipman.
- **2.** A new Appendix J listing the NROTC Unit Commanding Officers and corresponding Presidents of the College of the Holy Cross.
- **3.** Replacement photos of the Father O'Callahan displays in the Holy Cross Science Library and NROTC spaces.