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The O’Callahan Society
Annual Dinner

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012

Hogan Campus Center Ballroom
College of the Holy Cross
Dear Members, Friends and Guests,

Welcome to the 12th in a series of speaker events sponsored by the O'Callahan Society. Since 2001 we have been fortunate to attract seven flag officers as speakers, five commissioned from the Holy Cross NROTC program.

Our speaker this evening is our sixth active duty admiral.

This evening we remember three men. Two died in their youth and in the line of duty. The third had a long and extraordinary life that influenced too many to be counted.

We will also acknowledge the devotion, duty and service of my predecessor, who is a founding father of the Society.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support of the Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., the College’s new President, and to thank him for hosting our speaker at today’s football game.

For their efforts to make this evening possible I would like to give special acknowledgement and thanks to LCDR Kevin O’Brien ’00, Flag Secretary, Naval Special Warfare Command; Tom Cadigan ’02 and Maria Gallant, Alumni Relations Office; Cindy Hayes, Naval Science Department and Suzanne Morrissey, editor of Holy Cross Magazine.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the contributions of CAPT Ron Harrell USN Ret, Professor of Naval Science 2010–2012, to this evening and to the Holy Cross NROTC Consortium.

Please enjoy the evening.

Cordially,

Jim Delehaunty ’67
Chair
Past O’Callahan Society Speakers

2011
Philip J. Crowley, COL, USAF (Ret.), Holy Cross ’73
Gen. Omar Bradley Chair, Strategic Leadership, US Army War College
Former Asst. Secretary of State for Public Affairs

2010
CAPT Ronald Harrell, USN
Professor of Naval Science, Commanding Officer
Holy Cross NROTC

2009
VADM Peter Daly, USN, Holy Cross ’77
Deputy Commander, United States Fleet Forces

2008
VADM Bruce MacDonald, JAGC, USN, Holy Cross ’78
Navy Judge Advocate General

2007
RDML Arnold Lotring, USN, Holy Cross ’78
Commander, Naval Service Training Command

2006
RADM William McCarthy, USN, Holy Cross ’76
Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force

2005
RADM Louis Iasiello, CHC, USN
Chief of Navy Chaplains

2004
Robert Kelly, CAPT, USCGR
General Counsel, HawkEye Systems, LLC

2003
Jay O’Callahan, Holy Cross ’60
Renowned Storyteller

2002
RDML Thomas Steffins, USN, Holy Cross ’69
Director, Force Protection, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

2001
Bernard Trainor, LTGEN USMC (Ret.), Holy Cross ’51
Noted Author and Military Commentator

O’Callahan Society Dinner
Saturday, September 22, 2012

5:30 PM Reception  Hogan Ballroom Reception Room
6:30 PM Dinner  Hogan Ballroom with Master of Ceremonies Lester Paquin

Colors March On
National Anthem
Post Colors
Invocation
Dinner
Presentation
Speaker followed by Q&A Session
Navy Hymn
Benediction
Rear Admiral Garry J. Bonelli  
Deputy Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command

Enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1968, Rear Adm. Garry Bonelli graduated from Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training Class 51 in Coronado, Calif. Bonelli made two ground combat deployments in Vietnam as a Navy “Frogman” with Underwater Demolition Team 12. In 1974, Bonelli became a member of the first reserve unit of Naval Special Warfare. In 1976, while completing his Master of Science degree in Mass Communications, he received a direct commission in the Navy Reserve. Bonelli has served as the commanding officer of eight Navy reserve units. Bonelli was mobilized in 1990 in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and served as the commanding officer of SEAL Team 5. He has the distinction of being the first and only reservist to ever command an active-duty SEAL Team. In 2001, Bonelli was selected to serve as the deputy commander of Navy Reserve Readiness Command Southwest. In 2005, he completed a three-year collateral assignment as a member of the Secretary of the Navy’s National Navy Reserve Policy Board. Recalled to active duty in 2006, Bonelli served as the chief of staff for Naval Special Warfare Command. This echelon two headquarters command is responsible for seven major subordinate commands comprising a total force of 9,000 SEAL, Special Boat and mission specialists personnel. The command develops strategy, doctrine and tactics for Naval Special Warfare forces supporting fleet and joint special operations worldwide. Bonelli served as the Force Commander of Naval Special Warfare Command during 2008. He now serves on extended recall as the Deputy. In his prior civilian profession, Bonelli was a staff director with the San Diego Association of Governments, a strategic research, planning and transportation agency working for the 18 cities and county government in the region. He helped manage a $14 billion public infrastructure program and developed public policy initiatives for locally elected officials on numerous issues encompassing population growth, transportation, governance, housing, environmental management, economic development, public safety, bi-national coordination and military-civilian community relationships.

BELLOW, LEFT: RADM Bonelli answers questions after a special showing of “Act of Valor.” Released last year, “Act of Valor” is an authentic representation of the Naval Special Warfare community, its capabilities and missions, featuring active duty Navy SEALs. The showing was sponsored by the Saint Louis Navy League in Chesterfield, Missouri. BELOW, RIGHT: RADM Bonelli speaks last spring to members of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) at NSW Headquarters during a tour of NSW facilities. The focus of the group’s visit was to educate leaders from diverse backgrounds on the mission, methods, and equipment of NSW. BOTTOM: RADM Bonelli presents the American flag that draped the coffin of Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) 2nd Class Adam Smith to the family in 2010. Smith was one of nine service members killed when the helicopter in which they were travelling crashed in Zabul Province in Southern Afghanistan.
In 1962, President John F. Kennedy passed a directive that transformed the UDTs of the past into the first Navy SEAL Teams. Though originally developed for naval counter-guerrilla warfare, the Teams’ directive quickly grew to include “a specialized capability for sabotage, demolition, and other clandestine activities conducted in and from restricted waters, rivers, and canals, specifically to be able to destroy enemy shipping, harbor facilities, bridges, railway lines, and other installations in maritime areas and riverine environments.”

**Naval Special Warfare’s Past**

In 1942, the Navy created Underwater Demolition Teams—and the frogman was born. Frequently armed with little more than a knife and explosive charges, these combat swimmers swam ashore under the cover of darkness, collecting intelligence and removing enemy defenses to clear water lanes for Allied landing craft. The careful work of Navy frogmen, who suffered tremendous casualties and demonstrated remarkable heroism, preceded the successful Allied landing at Normandy, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Wonsan.

After the establishment of the SEAL Teams in 1962, the mission continued to grow and change over the decades. Vietnam, Panama, and other battlegrounds around the world refined the shape and tactics of the force.

**Naval Special Warfare Present**

In early 2000, NSW initiated a program that would create a “leaner, more capable, tailor able and focused war-fighting force.”

“This program set in motion changes to meet the emerging threat of combating terrorist cells on a global stage and today’s force has been postured to meet it.

Naval Special Warfare forces provide strategic value to the U.S. Navy and U.S. Special Operations Command by executing high-level special operations within the complex and ever-changing challenges of today’s global security environment.

Preparation of the environment, special reconnaissance, direct action, foreign internal defense, unconventional warfare, counter-terrorism and counter-weapons of mass destruction are some of the missions that NSW accomplishes to meet our Nation’s defense needs.

SEALs conduct missions from the sea, air and land. While experts in the maritime environment, they are equally capable of planning and executing direct action missions in urban, desert and mountainous terrain. Their actions are typically swift and decisive, striking with surprise, speed and appropriate use of force.

**The Future**

Because SEALs are experts in special reconnaissance and direct action missions—the primary skill sets needed to combat terrorism—NSW is postured to fight a globally-dispersed enemy, whether ashore or afloat, before they can act. NSW forces can operate in small groups and have a continuous presence overseas with their ability to quickly deploy from Navy ships, submarines and aircraft, overseas bases and forward-based units. The proven ability of NSW forces to operate across the spectrum of conflict and in operations other than war, and provide real-time, first-hand intelligence offer decision makers immediate and multiple options in the face of rapidly changing crises around the world.
1. Final basic crewman training (BCT) evolution at Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado, Calif. 2. SEALs search for al-Qaida and Taliban while conducting a sensitive site exploitation mission in Afghanistan’s Jaji Mountains. 3. SEAL maritime operations training exercise. 4. SEALs and divers from SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team (SDVT) 1 swim back to the guided-missile submarine USS Michigan in the southern Pacific Ocean. 5. A Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) candidate waves a flare during a dive casualty drill. 6. Navy SEALs demonstrate the Special Patrol Insertion/Extraction (SPIE) rig during a capabilities exercise. 7. SEAL students take part in Log PT. (All photos courtesy U.S. Navy)
Edward Dennis Murphy Jr. was born in Taunton, Mass., the son of Edward and Helen. He graduated from Boston Latin School and was accepted at the College of the Holy Cross in 1947. A biology major, he was a member of the College’s NROTC midshipmen battalion. In 1951 he graduated magna cum laude, received a deferred admission to Tufts School of Medicine and was commissioned in the United States Navy.

After serving aboard the carrier USS Salerno Bay, ENS Murphy volunteered for Underwater Demolition Training at Coronado, California. He completed this training in November 1952. In January 1953, LTJG Murphy boarded the ice breaker USS Benton Island with UDT Team 5 to engage in a naval scientific expedition.

On 26 February 1953 the ship was in an unnamed bay off St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, in the waters of the Bering Sea. While conducting demolition tests on the ice, LTJG Murphy was killed by a premature explosion of a TNT charge. He was the only team member mortally wounded.

Following his funeral in March 1953, LTJG Murphy was buried by his parents and his six siblings in the New Old Calvary Cemetery, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

In May 1953, upon recommendation of his ship’s commanding officer and the Department of the Navy, the unnamed bay of St. Lawrence Island was named Murphy Bay (Lat. 63°35' N; Long 171°29' W) by the Department of the Interior.

He is remembered on the Massachusetts’s Korean War Monument located in the Charlestown Navy Yard and on the Korean War Memorial Plaque in the rear of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, College of the Holy Cross.

In Memoriam

Lieutenant Junior Grade Edward Dennis Murphy ’51

Edward Dennis Murphy’s classmates noted “it was difficult to find Murph’s equal in a classroom, on an athletic field, or on a dance floor.”

A Message from the Family

The date of this banquet is 60 years (less 5 months) since Ted’s death. During that entire time he has been in our thoughts and prayers. He has been an inspiration for us all, whether we knew him personally or only by reputation. We appreciate this opportunity you have given us to express our heartfelt thanks for such a wonderful son, brother, and uncle. Gratefully, Ted’s extended family

LTJG Edward Murphy’s family provided these treasured photos for tonight’s program, including the image, above right, noting, “Ted loved the mental and physical stress of Underwater Demolition Training (UDT). On successful completion, he welcomed his assignment to UDT Team 5 and the expedition to arctic waters.”
Lieutenant Junior Grade John Patrick Connors was born in Scituate, Massachusetts, graduated from Boston College High School in 1982 and enrolled in Worcester Polytechnic Institute as a Marine option in the Holy Cross NROTC Unit. In 1984 he disenrolled from the NROTC program and went to Germany to study at Aachen University. A year later after extensive travel in Europe, he returned to WPI and reenrolled in the NROTC as a Navy option student. He graduated in 1987 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy.

Following completion of BUD/S training in March 1988, Ensign Connors was assigned to SEAL Team Four. LTJG Connors was in command of a SEAL platoon in Operation JUST CAUSE, the invasion of Panama, part of the force assigned the seizure of Paitilla Airport and the headquarters of Manuel Noriega, when in the early hours of 19 December 1989, LTJG Connors led his platoon to the aid of another SEAL unit that had been ambushed by Panamanian Defense Forces near the runway. During the firefight, in an attempt to gain fire superiority and break the ambush, LTJG Connors exposed himself to enemy fire in order to fire his grenade launcher at the ambush positions that were pinning down the SEALs when he was mortally wounded by enemy heavy machine gun fire.

For his heroism and devotion to duty, LTJG Connors was awarded the Silver Star. His other awards included the Combat Action Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Purple Heart. He is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington, Massachusetts.

In September 1995 the special warfare training facility at Fort A.P. Hill, Bowling Green Virginia was named Camp Connors in memory of LTJG Connors. He is also remembered in the O'Callahan Midshipmen Ward Room in Carlin Hall at the College of the Holy Cross and at Boston College High School.

A Message from the Family
To say a few words about our son, John, many memories rush to the surface. John was our third son, the youngest of our five children. He was a warm, sensitive, gifted young man who had definite Christian values. We were always proud of whom he was and how he chose to live; he listened to his heart and challenged himself to use his God given gifts to the fullest. He was a true renaissance man, fluent in four languages, a Greek scholar, and an avid reader, especially interested in words and how to use them in the English language. To understand John, is to understand his zeal and respect for the Navy SEALS, why he felt committed to become a SEAL. The basic philosophy behind SEAL training is that the average individual can accomplish about ten times as much as he thinks he can. John knew the treasures of life: love, courage, hope, commitment, respect, joy, friendship. He had the courage to live and to die doing what he was committed to do. Chesterton says, “courage is a strong desire to live; yet it is a readiness to die.” John’s courage combined a strong desire for life with a strange carelessness about death. He sought life in a spirit of indifference to it. These qualities made John real, fully alive while he lived and continue to keep him alive. Thank you for honoring his life today.

LTJG John Connors’ mother, Joan, provided these personal photos for tonight’s program. In the top photo, John is cutting the cake at a Commissioning ceremony celebration at Holy Cross in May 1987.
Past NROTC Unit Commanders

In his time as Commander of NROTC at the College, CAPT Ron Harrell helped oversee the new partnership between Holy Cross and Yale University as that school’s NROTC unit was restored.

Captain Ronald Harrell, USN  2010–2012
Captain Robert McNaught, USN  2005–2009
Captain Gerald K. Stair, USN  2003–2005
Captain Terence P. Labrecque, USN  2001–2003
Captain Daniel J. Brennock, USN  1999–2001
Captain William S. Boniface, USN  1994–1998
Captain Tim Winters  1991–1994
Captain R.S. Badgett  1985–1989
Captain John R. Wheeler  1978–1981
Captain Thomas R. Overdoff  1975–1976
Captain Richard A. Schnorf  1972–1975
Captain Edward R. Hayes  1965–1970
Captain Paul C. Rooney  1962–1965
Captain Charles W. Kinsella  1960–1962
Captain Prentis K. Will  1958–1960
Captain Harry H. McIlhenny  1955–1958
Captain John A. Glick  1950–1955
Captain Edward J. Burke  1947–1950
Captain Emory P. Hylant  1945–1947
Captain Frederick C. Sachse  1944–1945
Captain Guy E. David, USN  1942–1944
Captain Julian C. Wheeler, USN  1941–1942

NROTC at the College of the Holy Cross

2012 NROTC Staff

CDR Jamie Godwin, speaking at last year’s Commissioning ceremony, serves as Acting Commanding Officer & Chair of the Naval Science Department.

Commander Jamie Godwin, USN  Commanding
Lieutenant James Lee, USN  Executive Officer
Captain Christopher Reinke, USMC  Marine Officer Instructor
Lieutenant Patrick O’Neill, USN  Naval Science Instructor
Lieutenant Anson Isaacs, USN  Naval Science Instructor
Staff Sargent Brian Long, USMC  Assistant Marine Officer Instructor
John Bishop, CDR USN Ret  Federal Administrator
Dominic DiLorenzo, SKC/SW USN Ret  Supply Officer
Cynthia Hayes  College Secretary

Jim, which of these two Jamie photos do you prefer for the spot on the left? I could not decide! Also, there was a lot of white space below, so I added some pics. OK? Suz
Remembering Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J.  
1923–2012

The roots of the O’Callahan Society may be traced to the early 1990s when I and others met with Rev. John E. Brooks, then President of the College, to consider that the declining enrollment of the Holy Cross NROTC Unit might lead to its “disestablishment.” As a result, Fr. Brooks issued a letter in June 1994 recognizing the Father Joseph T. O’Callahan NROTC Committee. The goal of the committee was to assist the NROTC Unit and to “honor the memory of Fr. Joseph T. O’Callahan, S.J.,” Medal of Honor recipient and Holy Cross professor.

At that time, I was aware that Holy Cross was among the few liberal arts schools that retained ROTC units during the turbulent ’70s. What I did not appreciate was the extent to which the extraordinary leadership of Fr. Brooks—a WWII Army veteran—as Dean of the College and then as President played in retaining the Navy and Air Force ROTC Units on campus when antiwar emotions led to distrust and disdain for persons in military service.

Fr. Brooks’ ability to look beyond a current crisis allowed him to recognize this as a mistake, and led him to conclude that the demise of the Navy and Air Force programs would be a loss for the nation and the College. True to his generous character, he shared credit for this accomplishment with the then Commanding Officer of the Navy Unit, Captain Harry R. Moore, USN, a man with whom he would maintain an enduring friendship until the captain’s death in 2007.

Perhaps the core of Fr. Brooks’ work to retain ROTC units lay in his belief in the value of liberal arts education in general and, in this case, as it related to those serving in the armed forces. At the founding meeting of the O’Callahan Society in 2009, Fr. Brooks elaborated on this view. He stressed the need for “military officers well-versed in the liberal arts—young men and women who have ... the basic mental habits, intellectual skills, qualities of mind and judgment—all commonly referred to by philosophers and our sacred authors as wisdom.”

He went on to summarize a liberal arts education as one “not nurtured by job training, but by experiencing and coming to an understanding of literature, history, the arts, cultures, languages and religion,” concluding, “Not every military officer needs such an education, but in my judgment it is essential to the welfare of our nation that numbered among the leadership in our Armed Forces must be officers and decision makers whose minds and souls have been enriched and formed by a strong liberal arts education.”

It is my belief that the qualities of a liberal arts education that Fr. Brooks described empowered him to give the leadership the College required during the firestorm of the Vietnam period and move it along paths which have served it very well.

Fr. John Brooks was an inspiration for the O’Callahan Society and was a faithful supporter and friend of our efforts as President and as President Emeritus. He will be missed, but the lessons he taught will endure. On behalf of the Society I say, thank you Fr. Brooks.

Bill Dempsey ’63, CDR, USNR (Ret.)  
Chairman Emeritus, O’Callahan Society
From the beginning and for over 18 years Bill Dempsey '63 has led the College's O'Callahan movement; first as chairman of the select committee authorized by Father Brooks; then as co-chair of the board of a membership society and chair of its executive committee. At his last meeting in December 2011, the executive committee presented him with a coin of the Holy Cross NROTC Unit and named Bill Chair Emeritus of the Executive Committee. This morning the Society's Board took action that recognizes Bill as Chair Emeritus of the O'Callahan Society. This evening we present to him a Revere bowl memorializing that action and honoring his devotion, duty and service to the Society.
Jamie, Chris, Molly, Austin, James, Scott, John, Steve
DOM & Cindy

Thanks so much for your hard work 2010-2012
It was a great way to go out!

Captain Ron Harrell – Retired Florida

In Memory of
Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J.
And with congratulations to graduates of the
Holy Cross NROTC Unit
J. Kenneth Poggenburg, Jr. Holy Cross '56

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Best Wishes to the Unit
Bill Reardon ’54

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Holy Cross 1954

“Any man who may be asked in this century
What he did to make his life worthwhile
Can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction,
I served in the United States Navy.”

—President John F. Kennedy
August 2, 1961
U.S. Naval Academy

Best Wishes
Captain William McGurk USN Ret
Class of 1963
“It follows as certain as that night succeeds the day, that without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it, everything honorable and glorious.”

—President George Washington

Best Wishes for honor and glory for the future Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants

CAPT Steve Greene USN Ret ’81

Remembering friends

Russ Keene, Holy Cross ’63, NROTC

1ST LT (Captain select) Cheryl Schaefer, USMCR

Anonymous

God bless our Midshipmen
God bless our active duty personnel
God bless our veterans
And GOD BLESS AMERICA

CDR Paul F. Quinn, USN (RET), Class of ’72
Secretary, USS THE SULLIVAN’S (DDG 68) Foundation

Best Wishes
Class of 2013

Brendan J.
O’Donnell ’71

Captain USN Ret
Best Wishes from the Grasks of Des Moines, Iowa

E. Stephen Grask ’50 (NROTC)
J. Philip Grask ’54 (NROTC)
George F. Grask ’73
Gerald H. Grask ’75
Paul S. Grask ’76
Kate Daly Grask ’78

In Memory of our Classmates

CPT John J. Burke, USMC
February 5, 1968

LTJG Thomas E. Gilliam, USN
August 22, 1967

“Dulce bellum inexpertis”
— Erasmus

Holy Cross, 1965 ROTC Unit
William S. Thomas ’65

Thank You!
NROTC
Holy Cross
Serving
God & Country

Fr. Rich Burton ’81
LTJG John Connors
United States Navy SEAL

Your Memory Is Eternal

Holy Cross NROTC
Class of 1987

CAPT Karen Tsiantas USN
In memory of our classmates who gave their lives for their country in the Korean War

Walter M. Flynn, CPL USMC 11/28/50
John R. Shaughnessy, ENS USN 10/7/52
Edward D. Murphy, LTJG USN 2/26/53
Joseph C. Zemaitis, LT USAF 6/27/54

From the members of the College of the Holy Cross Class of 1951
Donald Fitzpatrick  
Captain, United States Navy Ret  
O’Callahan Society Member  
O’Callahan Society Executive Committee  
HCNROTC Instructor 1961 – 1964

David Johnson ’73
“In Memory of past, current and future Navy Divers”

Abigail M. Rosen ’99
Mystery Ad To Come on
Monday can go here...
it’s halfway between the
message ads and the
business ads. —Suz

Donohue full page    Zemaitis 1/2 page
Holy Cross Class of 1975
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Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep.
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Lord God, our power evermore,
Who arm doth reach the ocean floor,
Dive with our men beneath the sea;
Traverse the depths protectively.
O hear us when we pray, and keep
them safe from peril in the deep.

Eternal Father, Lord of hosts,
Watch over those who guard our coasts.
Protect them from the raging seas
And give them light and life and peace.
Grant them from thy great throne above
The shield and shelter of thy love.