

Queens Guard Alumni Association

Golfing To Fund ROTC Scholarships

As Mark Twain once observed, “It is good sportsmanship not to pick up lost balls while they are still rolling.” In April, The Queens Guard Alumni Association (QGAA) assembled a golf team and followed Twain’s advice on the Rutgers Golf Course in support of the Rutgers Army ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) Program’s first annual golf tournament fundraiser for cadet scholarships and financial aid.

“As partners with The Sean Scarry Memorial Foundation, the tournament raised monies from over 70 Rutgers alumni and military professionals to supplement the federal government’s funding of cadet students at Rutgers”, said Master Sergeant (MSG) Shiloh Butterworth, the event’s coordinator, and a senior military science instructor for the Rutgers Army ROTC Program.

In memory of **Sean Scarry, RC '94**, a former Rutgers Army ROTC cadet who passed away from cancer, his parents established the Foundation in 2012 to support the education and training of cadet students who are prepared to serve their nation. Since inception, the Foundation provided grants totaling \$10,000 to the Rutgers Army ROTC Program.

“As a proud Rutgers family, Sean’s parents, **Donald Scarry, UCNB '64, GSNB '72, CLAW '83**, and Paulette, and his brother, Duncan, were dedicated to ensuring that his memory remains meaningful and heartfelt,” noted Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Welch, the Rutgers Army ROTC Program Director, “through fundraising for a purposeful education at the university from which he enjoyed so many friendships.”

QGAA President Joseph Carlani, RC '84, emphasized, “Many of our QGAA alumni were commissioned officers through the university’s Army and Air Force ROTC Programs, and are eager to support education initiatives on behalf of students committed to careers in the Armed Forces.” In addition to QGAA’s support through entry of its golf team, several QGAA alumni provided meaningful donations out-

right to the fundraising effort, as they resided too far away to participate on the links.

Established formally in 1916 under President Wilson’s National Defense Act, the Rutgers Army ROTC Program represents one of the nation’s first and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2016 along with the wider celebration of the 250th anniversary of Rutgers University. In fact, Rutgers served to commission officers for the U.S. Army since passage of the Morrill Land Grant Act in 1862 under

President Lincoln, which required land grant universities to instruct in the sciences of “engineering, agriculture and military tactics.”

The Army ROTC plans to hold the golf tournament annually each Spring, although certainly welcomes donations in the interim in support of the fund for cadet scholarships and financial aid. If you would like to donate, or to participate in next Spring’s tournament, please contact MSG Butterworth at sbb65@rci.rutgers.edu. ✨



QGAA GOLF TEAM; (L TO R) JOE CARLANI RC '84, BOB BUCKSTAD RC '76, TOM CARPENTER RC '57, TOM BARRALE JR. AND HIS FATHER, TOM BARRALE RC '82. PHOTO COURTESY OF RUTGERS ARMY ROTC.

The Queens Guard Precision Rifle Drill Team dominated intercollegiate competition and performed at international exhibition venues throughout Europe, Canada and Australia/New Zealand for decades as representatives of the U.S. and Rutgers. Founded in 2005 as a special interest group of the Rutgers Alumni Association, QGAA represents alumni of The Queens Guard and Scarlet Rifles, each rival rifle drill teams competing cross-campus on behalf of the Air Force and Army ROTC, respectively, until their merger in 1971. To learn more about The Queens Guard and to view their overseas performances, visit QGAA’s website at <http://www.queensguard-rutgers.org/> and YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/queensguardrutgers/>.