

# IMC

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# 1MC



## Fall 2015 1MC

Welcome back to our semesterly edition of the 1MC.

We would first like to welcome all of the freshman, and congratulate them for making it through one semester in one of the finest programs the Department of the Navy has to offer. The knowledge and leadership we offer as a battalion is unlike any other program, but see for yourself as we take a look at all that has been accomplished this semester.

Before we begin to reminisce, let us stop and take a minute to thank those that support us as midshipmen (MIDN), officer candidates (OCs) and Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program candidates (MECEPs). We thank our families, friends, NROTC staff, Veterans, and the Active Duty as they guide and support us on our journey to becoming Navy and Marine Corps Officers.

This edition includes pieces from our very own midshipmen about the Fall 2015 events including; Sea Trials, the LRC, the Ropes Course, Fall Ball, PQS Boards, and so much more.

## Academic Excellence

Awarded to personnel with a GPA in the top 20% of the Battalion..



- MIDN 4/C Averette
- MIDN 4/C Blankenship
- OC Bowser
- MIDN 2/C James
- MIDN 2/C Buschmann
- OC Castleberry
- SSgt Duke
- MIDN 3/C Feroce
- OC Futreal
- MIDN 2/C Glynn
- MIDN 4/C Hamilton
- MIDN 4/C Hayworth
- MIDN 4/C Henkel
- MIDN 4/C Herbert
- MIDN 4/C Kakaley
- MIDN 4/C Krenn
- MIDN 4/C McMellon
- MIDN 1/C Powell
- MIDN 4/C Rice
- MIDN 3/C Sharpe
- MIDN 1/C Underdown
- OC Waring
- MIDN 4/C Weber
- MIDN 4/C White

## Wolfpack Welcome.

The first lab of the school year was composed of introductions, academic reflection, and awards. The officer billets spent time introducing themselves to the battalion and describing what their job entails. The Executive Officer LtCol Shellabarger then reviewed grades for the past semester and compared the average GPAs of each class, in hope of motivating midshipmen to continue perform at high standards. The Commanding Officer CAPT Gillespie articulated his three tenants; Mission, Excellence, and Growth. Midshipman 1/C Mazaleski then also gave his three tenants for the semester as Battalion Commanding Officer, Culture of fitness, Leadership 24/7, and Esprit de Corps.



During lab, the battalion was also fortunate enough to witness three previous College Program Midshipmen be awarded the National Scholarship. Midshipmen Carlyon, Feroce, and Kane all took the Oath of Office as the final step to accepting their new scholarships. Another major achievement witnessed during lab was the presentation of Good Conduct Medals to OC Castleberry, OC Waring, and OC Jenkins.

To finish the lab, many OCs, MECEPS, and Midshipmen were recognized for their physical and/or academic prowess. To earn a Physical Fitness ribbon, we must score an Outstanding on the PRT or over 285 on the PFT. To earn the Academic Achievement ribbon, our GPA must be in the top 40 percent of the battalion. If our GPA is in the top 20 percent of the battalion, we are awarded the Academic Excellence ribbon. With the end of our first lab, I know that battalion is excited to see what the rest of the semester will bring. GO WOLFPACK!



## Academic

## Achievement

Awarded to personnel with a GPA  
in the top 40% of the Battalion..



- MIDN 1/C Ahlers
- MIDN 3/C Barclay
- MIDN 1/C Bushong
- MIDN 3/C Carr
- MIDN 4/C Denning
- MIDN 1/C Deore
- MIDN 1/C Deore
- MIDN 4/C Fiackos
- MIDN 1/C Foushee
- MIDN 1/C Franceschina
- MIDN 3/C Hoople
- OC Kiessling
- OC Kirby
- MIDN 4/C Lowell
- MIDN 4/C Lumsden
- MIDN 1/C Maske
- MIDN 1/C Massey
- MIDN 4/C McLaurin
- MIDN 3/C Metz
- MIDN 2/C Spaeth
- MIDN 1/C Stone
- MIDN 2/C Sutter
- MIDN 3/C Taylor
- MIDN 4/C Vazquez
- MIDN 3/C Zaetz

## Class of 2019.

Most students arrive on campus and take their time to adjust to college life. The 4/C midshipmen of the Naval ROTC program at NC State were welcomed into the Pack a different way. We hit the ground running with physical training, drill, briefs, and standard military knowledge. Many of us were new to this type of regimen, so we had plenty of room for improvement. New student orientation (NSO) trained us on customs, courtesies, academics, and fitness that would be expected of us throughout our time here; all important aspects to becoming an effective Naval or Marine Corps officer.



This year, the 4/C were fortunate enough to experience a mini Sea Trials at Camp Bunter. The goal was to push us mentally, morally, and physically as individuals and as a unit. The motivation from commanders, staff members, and fellow midshipmen helped us to succeed. Though rigorous, NSO was a rewarding experience for everyone involved. The incoming 4/C had completed the first of the requirements to be inducted into the battalion. Our squad leaders saw their dedication pay off when we competed against UNC at Chapel Hill during Sea Trials (NC State won most of the events!). Also, the Active Duty staff were able to watch the new students transition their mindset from civilian to military life. According to Gunnery Sergeant Browning, with these “tools” in our toolbox, we are now prepared for this semester and the years to come.

~4/C C. Shelton



NSO was a great way to develop the NC State and UNC 4/C, establishing the competition and who the boss is around here. ~ 3/C L. Taylor



## Physical Fitness

Awarded to personnel with an Outstanding Score on the Navy PRT or a 285 or better on the Marine Corps PFT.



**MIDN 1/C Atchison**

**MIDN 3/C Barclay**

**MIDN 2/C Brown**

**MIDN 2/C Glynn**

**MIDN 4/C Henkel**

**MIDN 2/C James**

**MIDN 4/C Jaynes**

**MIDN 2/C Lockhart**

**MIDN 3C Londa**

**MIDN 2/C Maginniss**

**MIDN 4/C McLaurin**

**MIDN 2/C O'Neil**

**MIDN 2C Piscitelli**

**MIDN 3/C Selke**

**MIDN 2/C Spaeth**

**MIDN 2/C Sutter**

**MIDN 3/C Taylor**

**MIDN 1/C Thompson**

**MIDN 1/C Van Der Werff**

**MIDN 4/C White**

## O.O.D.A Loop

Lab began with MIDN 1/C Powell presenting the current events, and one that peaked my interest was the potential for female Navy SEALs. If these women are up to the task of being a SEAL, I think that would be very motivating.

We then transitioned into a brief about alcohol, tobacco, and drug awareness; all very important topics to discuss as college students. The acronym, OODA loop (Observe Orient Decide and Act) provides us a great way to help solve problems, and, in this case, reduce the usage of tobacco. The Navy and Marine Corps' policies encourage quitting tobacco products, and have several different support methods to help Sailors and Marines do so. It goes without saying that the Navy and Marine Corps have a zero tolerance policy on drugs, and alcohol must be consumed reasonably if of age. We also learned if we are having any trouble with drugs or alcohol, to contact LT Bivans, the DAPA (drug and alcohol program advisor) officer. As midshipmen in a college environment, it's important that we learn these things early because we are held to a higher standard than our peers.

To conclude lab we learned about the USN Chaplain Corps. This was probably my favorite thing we have discussed in NROTC thus far. Chaplain Hamilton was very informative and provided us with a wealth of knowledge and inspiration as he played a slide show of chaplains doing their jobs. We learned about the chaplaincy because it's important for us to grow not just physically and mentally, but spiritually too.

~4/C L. Farlowe



**A**ccountability was taken in formation, to ensure everyone's safety and commitment to the battalion at the start of lab. MIDN 2/C Lockhart then gathered the battalion around the flagpole for a formal lesson on flag detail. Raising and lowering the flag is one of the oldest, most time honored traditions in the military. The class learned how to properly and respectfully put up and take down the National Ensign.

Once inside the classroom, I gave a basic Land Navigation class to help prepare the battalion for the impending Leadership Reaction Course (LRC). Midshipmen were instructed how to read maps, determine 8-digit grid coordinates, plot points, and determine azimuths. This was a prime opportunity for Navy options to get a glance at the Marine side of the fleet.

After Land Navigation, the battalion broke out by platoon to learn about the different Navy communities. The 1/C remained to talk with Captain Gillespie about challenging changes as we transition from midshipmen to officers. Each of the different community breakouts, Surface, Submarine, and Aviation, provide midshipmen with a better understanding of the community and their pipelines. The midshipmen of Bravo 2 moved into the Brickyard to get some extra practice before the drill competition. As lab came to a close, midshipmen were given a chance to catch up with their people to see how they are doing and if they need any help or guidance.

~1/C A. Thompson

# In the Woods

The battalion put on our NWU's and MARPAT's and took to the trees at the Ropes Course in Schneck Forest. At the beginning of lab, a midshipman received his scholarship and took the oath. We then began our activities in the low elements portion of the ropes course. There were various challenges that required strong leadership, good communication skills, fast acting strategies, and an overall strong team atmosphere, all of which are necessary to become a proficient Naval Officer.

In my group, the leadership skill every leader needed to improve on was communication. There were many times where my group failed an obstacle, not because our strategy was not efficient enough, but because the communication down the chain of command during the obstacle was not clear and concise. After every event, my group gradually improved our communication skills to where we were able to complete an obstacle as a team, instead of one person barking out orders and expecting others to do what they were told. Leaders learned to accept new ideas while leading and giving direction as necessary. My group even managed to get the whole team over a ten foot wall in forty-seven seconds! If we started with this obstacle, we would not have completed the challenge so quickly.

The ropes course is very similar to Naval ROTC; it allows you to display and improve your strengths, while also exposing and forcing you to work on your weaknesses. These are skills every midshipman must learn to be successful at his or her future job.

~4/C E. McMellon



## MIDN of the Month:

1/C C. Caporali

**Major:** Meteorology

**Hometown:** Spotsylvania, VA

**Desired Service Selection:**

Naval Aviator

**Favorite Quote:**

“Do not be satisfied. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

~ Pope John Paul II

## Summer Cruisin’

Lab for this week offered the entire battalion an opportunity to get a glimpse at what summer cruise was like for a number of our midshipmen.

MIDN Barclay gave a rundown of the four weeks of CORTRAMID which included Marine week, surface week, submarine week, and aviation week. All the 3/C on scholarship had a blast and learned a lot about the different communities.

MIDN Lockhart recounted his experiences at the Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, CA for himself and the other 2/C Marine Options. His many accounts were of the more unique variety; maybe next year he’ll have an opportunity to actually catch a chipmunk in a trap.

MIDN Via and MIDN Medlin each gave accounts for the 1/C and 2/C submarine cruises respectfully. Their accounts, while lacking visual aids (as expected), were vivid and allowed the battalion to fully understand and appreciate what the silent service does on a day-to-day basis.

MIDN 1/C Ransom and MIDN 2/C Jencyowski went on surface cruises for the summer. Both had many unique opportunities including being able to participate in a joint branch training exercise and, of course, standing the midnight watch.

MIDN Bushong was at NAS Jacksonville for the 1/C aviation cruise. While aviation is seen as laid back, he stayed busy; and even had an opportunity to fly in a SH-60 up the coast to Charleston, SC, spend the day there, and then fly back.

Our battalion commander, MIDN Mazaleski, had the honor and privilege to attend the Marine Corps’ OCS in Quantico, Va. He did himself, his family, and the battalion proud by graduating and earning the coveted title of United States Marine at this grueling crucible of a school.

Lab also included MIDN 4/C Krenn being sworn in as he has been awarded a NROTC Scholarship. Congratulations, and keep up the good work! MIDN Powell and Jones gave a brief on the world and Suicide Prevention, respectively. Lab was finished off with everyone drilling in the Brickyard. All four platoons were practicing for the upcoming drill competition and showing everyone that we, NROTC, are the best at NC State. GO PACK!

~3/C J. Millikan



# Leadership

Lab today was held on Miller Fields for a Leadership Reactionary Course (LRC). The battalion was divided into six teams to conquer eight stations designed to challenge member's communication, teamwork, and planning skills, all while hosting a little friendly competition between teams. The 4/C really stepped up, and led most of the exercises. While we did not always have the best or most complete plan, our shipmates were there to tactfully suggest ideas. This helped us to learn how to reassess the situation, adjust as we saw fit, and lead our teams to success.

The simulated electric fence was a favorite station. The fence was made of two posts with string tied between them to mimic an irregular spider web. The web had holes just big enough for a body to pass through horizontally, but members had to beware of getting "shocked" by the string. The mission was to get every member through without touching the fence in the least amount of time. If the fence was touched, your team received a point deduction, and the hole they tried to use was no longer usable. This event challenged the leader by forcing them to decide the order of who would pass through, and through which gap, all while remembering the ticking clock. The team was challenged to work together to ensure each midshipman passed through safely, without touching a wire.

Motivation was never an issue, even for those who have completed similar exercises in the past, as they were able to impart wisdom and provide excellent feedback at the end of each exercise. During the debrief, Major Merles emphasized the development of our ability to decide, communicate, and act is essential to our growth as future Navy and Marine Corps Officers.

~4/C R. McLaurin





## MIDN of the Month:

4/C K. Denning

**Major:** Criminology

**Hometown:** Mt. Olive, NC

**Desired Service Selection:**  
U.S. Marine

**Favorite Quote:**

“Be good... and if you can’t be good, be good at it.”

## Jeopardy

Lab this week was simply a continuation of our round robin community breakouts for each platoon. Bravo 1 was enjoying themselves over at our exciting Mariner’s Skills Simulator in Hunt library, Bravo 2 was learning about the secret world of submarines, Alpha 2 was locked on and practicing their drill, and Alpha 1 was learning the ins and outs of the greatest community the Navy has, Aviation. Meanwhile, all of the 1/C in the battalion were attentively listening to everything Captain Gillespie had to say about the UCMJ and how it pertains to different situations and punishments.

After the battalion had gotten its fill on community knowledge for the day we moved on to our very competitive game of PQS jeopardy. It was time to see which team had the quickest hands on the buzzers and the quickest minds for basic PQS knowledge. It was a hard fought battle and many of the buzzers took a beating, but ultimately MIDN Powell and his team came out on top. However, the main purpose of this exercise was to give our 4/C an opportunity to review everything they had learned up until this point in preparation for their upcoming PQS boards.

Overall, our lab this week was a great way to continue gaining knowledge about our ever expanding and capable U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Labs like these build intelligent and well rounded future Naval officers capable of greatness.  
~1/C S. Ericksen

## Gains with a Side of SAPR

The Battalion had the opportunity to undergo Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) training from our soon to be Victim Advocate, LT Ansel, and to learn about nutrition from a representative from Student Health Services. SAPR training is meant to teach us how to recognize and prevent sexual harassment and assault. As future officers, we need to know what is inappropriate for the workplace so they may prevent incidents for happening. The training also covers what resources are available to victims. This includes Victim Advocates who will be able to handle cases with discretion and help victims find the help they need. Once LT Ansel is fully qualified, he will serve a valuable role for the battalion.

Following the SAPR training, the battalion was given a brief on nutrition to improve health and wellness. One of the Student Health Center's Nutrition Counselors came to show midshipmen how they can meet their dietary needs. She explained what services Student Health offers for those seeking help with making the right meal plan for them. The presentation concluded with an extensive question and answer session where many midshipmen were able to have specific concerns answered. Some of the major topics included pre/post-workout supplements and daily coffee intake. Both engaging and informative, the nutrition brief gave the battalion plenty to think about as they choose what to eat in the future.

~3/C J. Keim



## Bystander Intervention

At the beginning of every Wednesday lab, we are updated on what's going on in the Navy. We're all cogs in the gears that turn the wheels of the Navy and Marine Corps and should, therefore, be knowledgeable and excited about contributing, when it is our turn. An interesting update from the Navy this week was the decision to decrease the amount of fried food served to sailors in order to promote healthier Navy. We were also given laminated cards with the vision of NROTC printed on the front, so that we may always remember who we are and to act accordingly. We then moved into the Bystander Intervention and Consent briefs.

One of the fourteen traits of being a leader is **Enthusiasm**, something LtCol Shellabarger never fails to incorporate into his briefs. Through the joint effort of both LtCol Shellabarger, USMC and LT Showanes, USN, an engaging brief was presented, making sure every midshipman was given the opportunity to participate and share their own experiences freely and without judgement. We watched interactive videos depicting different scenarios related to protocol violations, as well as scenarios within the "Continuum of Harm." We learned about the different approaches –direct, indirect, and protocol- on how to become more than a bystander. As future officers in the Navy and Marine Corps we have a responsibility to take action. Fears must be replaced by always remembering, "I am a leader." This means that we have the voice to make a change, whether it be correcting a higher ranking officer through tactful means or stopping a sexual assault from occurring. With that in mind, consent is everything in avoiding sexual harassment and assault. LT Ansel explained the concept of consent in a way high school students would understand by playing funny videos. Playing humorous videos made the information more memorable and ended the brief by emphasizing that having respect for all midshipmen, Sailors, and Marines, is just as important as having respect for ourselves.

~4/C D. Vazquez

## PQS Boards

The culminating event for 4/C midshipmen in the fall semester is the Personal Qualification Standards Board (PQS). The board is seen as a rite of passage into the Wolfpack Battalion, and is comprised of four members - a Marine Option MIDN, MIDN 2/C, MIDN 1/C, and an OC or MECEP.

These boards mirror the boards that midshipmen will face in the fleet. The boards' tests included bearing, confidence, and knowledge. These boards are a reflection of the leadership and the standard set forth by the rest of the battalion, adding to the pressure and desire for success. The upperclassmen devote time and effort to mentor the 4/C, in hopes of helping them succeed in college and the ROTC program.

The boards were held on November 4th, 2015, and the majority of the 4/C passed and were symbolically initiated with the presentation of our red battalion PT shirt. Those who did not pass were given further guidance and preparation for their re-board. Knowledge and public speaking skills are crucial to properly lead Sailors and Marines, and this gave us a small taste of the confidence and bearing we will need in the face of adversity.

~2/C Murray & 4/C C. Weber



## MIDN of the Month:

3/C J. Selke

Major: Criminology

Hometown: Albemarle, NC

Desired Service Selection:  
Marine Corps Human Source  
Intelligence Officer

### Favorite Quote:

“This is your life and it’s ending one minute at a time.”  
~Fight Club (The Movie)



## Paint them Red

I was extremely excited when I found out the MWR event for the fall semester would be paintball. All my life I had wanted to go paint-balling, but never had the group or time to go. I couldn't pass up on this opportunity to fulfill my dream. Bravo Company spent all day running around, diving in the dirt, and splattering paint at Gotcha Paintball in Youngsville, NC. I had very high expectations from the beginning of the day, and my expectations were not met. They were exceeded! I had an amazing time getting to know other members of Bravo Company, especially the new 4/C.

Becoming a cohesive team and forming a plan in just a few minutes before the match was one of the most enjoyable parts about the MWR event. The highlight of the day for not only myself, but all the midshipman from Bravo Company was the Battle Royale in the Woods. An open forest arena set the stage for the two team, fifty person rumble until the last man stood. Although I didn't win, we had a winner from the Battalion. Reflecting on the fun I had, I can say with confidence that communication was the key to success in nearly every game. Whether calling out the enemy positions or telling someone to push the flank; a team without communication is a team without success. Although I left the complex at the end of the day with an empty hopper and more welts than I could count, I am as excited as ever to return next year, or even next semester.

~2/C W. Jencyowski



## E.D.O.

The main event in lab on the 21st of October was guest speaker, LCDR Lee's presentation on how to become an Engineering Duty Officer (EDO). LCDR Lee is an EDO qualified on LPD, DDG, and SUPSHIP platforms, or in "normal" terms a variation of Naval vessels from the amphibious assault ships to supply ships. She graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School where she earned her Masters degree in Applied Physics. LCDR Lee taught us about her community, as it is one that we have very limited information on.

In her presentation, LCDR Lee identified that EDOs have the opportunity to work alongside civilian contractors on massive oversea projects. EDOs also work on the maintenance and repair of ships currently in the fleet. There was substantial interest from the battalion about LCDR Lee's work on the Zumwalt Class Destroyer and it was a main conversation point during the Q&A session. I learned that EDOs do much more than I had initially thought. Their job encompasses everything from fixing ships at sea to developing new aircraft like the F-35C Lightning II.

~ 4/C A. Gaither

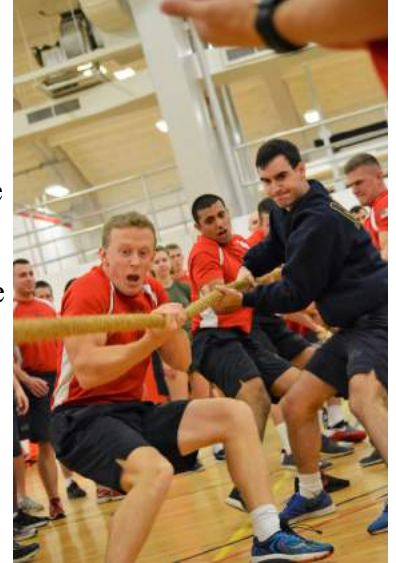
# Sea Trials

With the fall semester of our first year coming to a close, the fourth class midshipmen approached the pinnacle of the year. Sea Trials, an assessment and competition of the 4/C MIDN across the consortium, was underway and it started with intensity. The first event that we faced along with Duke and UNC was the drill competition. With nearly an entire semester of drill practice and motivation from Gunnery Sergeant Browning, NC State's squads were ready and they emerged victorious in the overall scoring for the evolution.

The next, and quite possibly my favorite event of Sea Trials, was the PT competition in Carmichael Gymnasium. The competition consisted of a team-based push-up relay, a sit-up relay, an up-down relay, and a footrace-style relay. The most memorable part of the PT competition was the electric energy that was being produced from our upperclassmen cheering us on. Even though Sea Trials was primarily a fourth class event, the upperclassmen stepped up and made the experience one to remember. I, along with my shipmates, will never forget the enthusiasm and support that we received as we pushed through the events.

By far, the most exciting part of Sea Trials was the tug-of-war evolution. Not only was this a test of physical strength, but it also granted us the chance to challenge the other schools in a face-to-face battle. The all-out exertion that came with the tug-of-war created the ultimate physical test of the day. Shortly after, we were pitted against UNC and Duke for personnel qualification standards tests and leadership competency competitions. As the day closed, the scores were totaled and NC State came out on top securing the Sea Trials trophy.

~4/C J. Blankenship



## MIDN of the

### Semester:

1/C D. Via

**Major:** Civil Engineering

**Hometown:** Wilson, NC

**Desired Service Selection:**  
Surface Warfare Officer

### Favorite Quote:

“They asked me how well I understood Theoretical Physics, I said I had a Theoretical degree in Physics. They said welcome aboard.” ~Fantastic from Fall Out New Vegas



## Awareness

The first lab of the month started off with a quick lesson on the month of October itself. Midshipmen learned that October is known for breast cancer awareness, crime prevention awareness, and suicide prevention awareness.

Suicide prevention must be treated carefully, and midshipmen learned the “dos” and “don’ts” of addressing someone dealing with suicidal thoughts. This is a serious topic, as many officers will face a situation in which self-harm is done to their sailors or Marines.

Gunnery Sergeant Browning was next as he simulated an active shooter inside the building. He had the entire classroom close their eyes, relax and focus on their day, when suddenly two loud bangs were heard.

“If you kept your eyes closed, you are more likely to be dead right now,” said GySgt Browning.

GySgt Browning harped on the theme of acting immediately and the “dos” and “don’ts” of what to do. If one waits, they are too late. While escaping is the best option, it is often not possible. GySgt Browning also spent time teaching midshipmen how to take out the shooter as a last resort.

Platoons then split off into community breakouts in, while Alpha 1 conducted drill in preparation for the drill competition.

~3/C H. Feroce



## Words of the Wise

During the lab of 28 OCT, the North Carolina State NROTC Battalion was fortunate enough to be able to interview a panel of enlisted members from every branch of the military. As midshipmen asked great questions, the enlisted panel responded with outstanding responses rising to their feet as they spoke passionately.

One of the questions by MIDN 1/C Powell was, “How does a junior officer go to a new unit and expect to lead a team of enlisted even though they know more about their duties than the junior officer would?” Master Sergeant Robert answered this question with, “Your enlisted crew is going to know a lot more than you when you get to your new duty station. For a junior officer to succeed, he needs to understand that. Initially the junior officer should sit back and observe how the team has been running, what the responsibilities are, and ask questions from the senior enlisted members. Once the junior officer knows what is going on, then he/she can make leadership decisions based on their observations. You have to build your knowledge before you can make statements about a subject. In the end the junior officer does hold a higher rank, and the enlisted team members understand that. Deciding how and when to give orders is what allows the enlisted members to gain respect for the junior officer.” Every single member of the board answered questions with this type of magnitude, and gave the NCSU NROTC Battalion a great insight into how to interact with your enlisted Sailors and Marines.

~3/C C. Hoople

## Fall 2015 Ball

On November 20, 2015 the North Carolina Piedmont Consortium held its annual Fall Ball in commemoration of the 240th Navy and Marine Corps Birthday. All hands and their dates from NC State, Carolina, and Duke attended the ball held at the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC.

The night began with a social hour, where midshipmen introduced their dates to the guest of honor, Brigadier General Chiarotti, and other active duty personnel. After a call to seats, the ceremony began. In keeping with tradition, the most

senior Sailor and oldest Marine presented cake to the youngest Sailor and Marine in attendance. Hopefully, their appetite was not ruined as dinner was served while the videos of the birthday messages from Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral J.M. Richardson, and Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert B. Neller played. The official ceremony had concluded, and Captain Gillespie made his way to each of the tables making small talk with all the midshipmen.

As dessert plates were gathered, the Guest of Honor, Brigadier General Chiarotti, gave his speech about his time and experience in the military. At the conclusion of his speech everyone in the room created an aisle to the dance floor where graduating Seniors were recognized as they danced their way to the front of the room. Once all seniors from every school were recognized, everyone was encouraged to join the fun and dance until the end of the night.

~3/C J. Selke



# MAD Game

On 21 November, members of the Wolfpack Battalion attended the Military Appreciation Day (MAD) football game. An annual event, the MAD game brings together the football team, the community and former and current military members.

It was a bright, sunny day and the battalion was out at Carter-Finley Stadium early in the morning in Service Dress Blues. The day began with the Wounded Warrior Walk, where a column of the ROTC students saluted the veterans who were followed by NC State's football team. Afterwards, Coca-Cola generously hosted a tailgate for all the Veterans, Active Duty, cadets, and midshipmen.

A number of midshipmen were selected to participate in some of the traditional events at the MAD game. Quite a few personnel were able to be a part of the ensemble of service members that brought out a large American flag as a pre-game ceremony. MIDN 2/C James and MIDN 2/C Piscitelli ran the Marine Corps and Navy flags alongside the three other branch representatives and their flags. Together, the five representatives ran out with the football team just before the start of the game. During the game, personnel stood in the stands behind the end zone with the other ROTC units cheering the football team to victory. After the first quarter the NROTC tug-of-war team took on the AFROTC team in hopes of avenging their prior loss. While the AFROTC team won for the second year in a row, the Wolfpack football team played a great first half and went into the break with the lead. At halftime, skydivers parachuted into the stadium in magnificent fashion. It was then time for a team of four midshipmen to take over the pushup board during the third quarter. They performed excellent push-ups whenever the football team scored. On the whole the battalion enjoyed the experience, and the Wolfpack walked away with a win. Kudos to MIDN 2/C Sutter for coordinating such a successful event, and doing a fine job as the Midshipman in Charge.



~2/C M. Piscitelli



## Manager or a Leader.

Midshipmen settled into their chairs to be instantly captured by NCIS Special Agent Underwood's wit and videos of NCIS' mission. He engaged us by informing us of the reasons that NCIS Agents would be contacting the CO of a unit. Special Agent Underwood stressed that NCIS usually does not bring good news, but with the help of the CO, agents can conduct their investigation quickly and remove any threats found within the unit. Special Agent Underwood discussed the case of Petty Officer Bryan Martin, emphasizing that the crime of espionage is not isolated and can occur anywhere at any time.

Mr. Ben Freeman was to follow with his many years of experience in the world of civilian corporate leadership and management. Mr. Freeman has personal experiences that he was able to relate to important skills we as future leaders need to learn. One of the most impactful statements from Mr. Freeman was **"MANAGERS LIGHT A FIRE UNDER PEOPLE BUT LEADERS LIGHT A FIRE INSIDE OF PEOPLE."** This phrase speaks directly to how we would like our followers to feel as we lead them, rather than forcing our people to complete a task, we want them to have a burning desire to accomplish the mission and meet the demands. This can be accomplished by knowing your followers as individuals and what motivates them. Mr. Freeman spoke of many tactics and techniques from his deep understanding of leadership, and everyone walked away with a mindset of personal improvement.

~3/C T. Sharpe

## Change of Command

On 2 December 2015, MIDN 1/C Mazaleski relinquished his duties as Battalion Commander to MIDN 1/C Caporali in a Naval Change of Command ceremony held during lab, as per tradition. MIDN Mazaleski addressed the battalion in his last act as Battalion Commander by thanking his staff and saying what an honor it had been to serve in the position.

Upon assuming command, MIDN Caporali also offered a few words describing his excitement and providing a glimpse as to what we can expect in the upcoming semester. He also provided his three tenets. These are to: **"be intentional; be reflective; and be the change."**

MIDN Caporali: *"I am looking forward to working with everyone next semester through my role as Battalion Commander. I intend to create an atmosphere which creates a renewed sense of enthusiasm and drive in everything we do as a unit. I am honored to lead all of you that I know will one day be outstanding Navy and Marine Corps Officers. Through a combined effort I have full confidence we will have a great semester!"* –

Overall, the change of command is always exciting as it ushers in a new era for the battalion. Along with the change in battalion commanders, the majority of the other battalion billets are handed off to new personnel as well. While we have enjoyed the time and effort put forth by MIDN Mazaleski and his staff, we are also eager to see what MIDN Caporali and his staff have in store for the battalion.

~2/C Sutter & 3/C Pockat

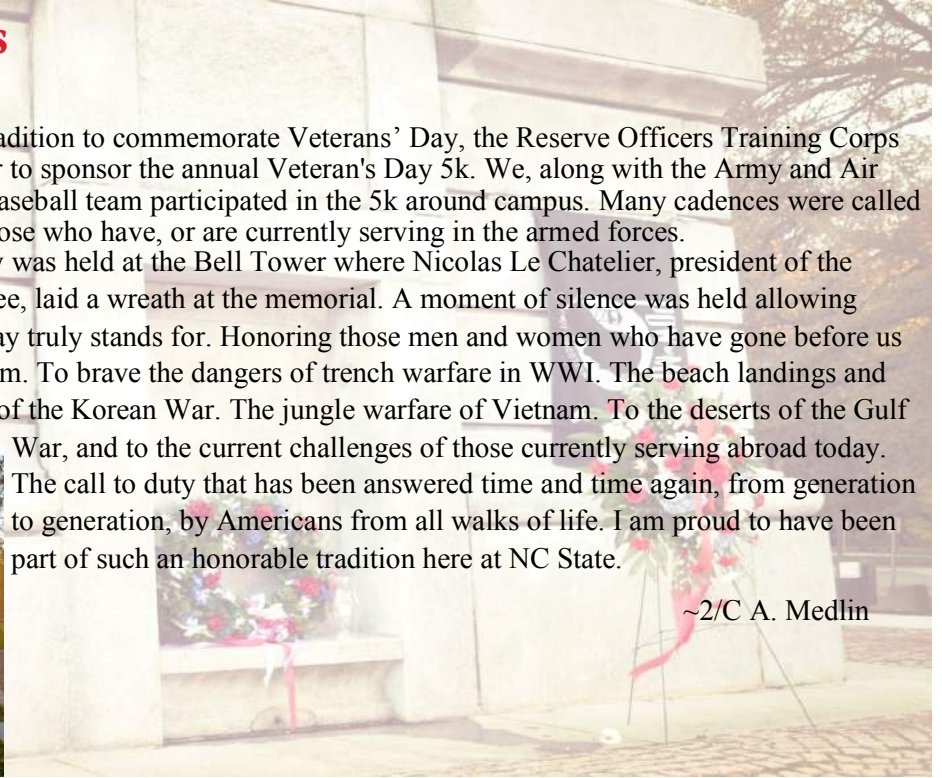


## Honoring Our Veterans

As a part of NC State's annual tradition to commemorate Veterans' Day, the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) units at NC State joined together to sponsor the annual Veteran's Day 5k. We, along with the Army and Air Force units, Veterans, students, and the baseball team participated in the 5k around campus. Many cadences were called around NC State's campus in honor of those who have, or are currently serving in the armed forces.

At the end of the run, a ceremony was held at the Bell Tower where Nicolas Le Chatelier, president of the Compiegne-Raleigh Sister City Committee, laid a wreath at the memorial. A moment of silence was held allowing everyone to remember what Veterans' Day truly stands for. Honoring those men and women who have gone before us to serve our nation and defend our freedom. To brave the dangers of trench warfare in WWI. The beach landings and island warfare of WWII. The biting cold of the Korean War. The jungle warfare of Vietnam. To the deserts of the Gulf War, and to the current challenges of those currently serving abroad today. The call to duty that has been answered time and time again, from generation to generation, by Americans from all walks of life. I am proud to have been part of such an honorable tradition here at NC State.

~2/C A. Medlin



## Community Service

As a part of our desire to fulfill the tenets set forth by MIDN Mazaleski and Captain Gillespie, we tried to give back to the community demonstrating leadership 24/7 while growing as individuals. The canned food drive raised over 843 cans donated to a local food shelter, and the Christmas drive raised \$1000 for a local family.





**“For the Strength of the Pack is the Wolf,  
and the Strength of the Wolf is the Pack”**

**~Rudyard Kipling**

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