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Spring 2016 1MC Welcome!

We end another great semester with North Carolina State's Wolfpack Battalion!

Congratulations to all Midshipmen (MIDN), Officer Candidates (OC's), and Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program candidates (MECEPs) that made this semester such a memorable one and good luck during your summer trainings! For our commissioning MIDN, a hearty Bravo Zulu to all of you and we look forward to hearing from each of you on your worldly adventures!

We would like to also thank our families, friends, NROTC staff, veterans, and Active Duty for the support and guidance they give us each and every day. None of this would be possible without you.

Please enjoy reading about the leadership and mentorship happening in and around Wolfpack Battalion!



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Naval Science Lab | 6 JAN 16 | MIDN 3/C Neuber

Lab started off with a review of Midshipmen GPA and PRT/PFT trends from the previous semester. We noted that the OC's had the best overall averages. It was discussed as well as which trends needed improvement, particularly putting emphasis on physical fitness. This led into our grade and fitness goals for this semester.

At this time our Battalion Commander, MIDN Caporali came forward to “set the tone” for the semester. He made two starting points which were to always keep a pen on you, and a model of leadership. From there, MIDN Caporali broke down his favorite speech by Admiral William H. McRaven. He started off by describing the importance of making your bed and how that gave you a small victory to start your day. He continued on to say if you want to change the world, don't be afraid of extra work. This means being enthusiastic about whatever you are tasked with, no matter how tedious or boring it may be. The third point he made was about being your very best in the darkest hours. The importance of this is that anyone can be the best when it is easy, but it takes true dedication to be the best when it is hard. The final point he used from the speech was that if you want to change the world, never ring the bell. This elaborates on not giving up not matter how dark the days are.



After discussing the speech MIDN Caporali transitioned into his tenants for the semester which were to be intentional, be reflective, and be the change. He then broke down what each one means to him and how he plans to implement them into his plans for the battalion this semester.

Next our Battalion Sergeant Major, MIDN Murray stepped up to introduce himself as such. He stated what role he played in the battalion and encouraged MIDN to use him and the chain of command as the connection between the MIDN and the active duty.

Finally to conclude lab LT Showanes gave an extremely entertaining brief on cyber security using MIDN Facebooks as reference material. He gave a description on how photos can be turned on those who post them, ranging from tracking movement to the consequences of posting a photo breaking UCMJ safety regulations.



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Naval Science Lab | 13 JAN 16 | MIDN 2/C James

We kicked off this full week of lab by recognizing the accomplishments of those within our unit. We had the honor to first celebrate the achievements of MIDN Hack who was awarded the prestigious Society of American Engineers Scholarship, followed by the recognition and awarding of GySgt Browning for his outstanding role as an AMOI. We concluded the awards portion by recognizing the accomplishments of Midshipmen in regards to the PFT/PRT, Academics, and Color Guard.



We moved into several different briefs for the remainder of lab, beginning with a current events update by MIDN Van Der Werff. He informed us of the current stages of several news stories, including North Korea's use of the hydrogen bomb and the ongoing Syrian situation. After current events we moved into a review session of the previous year, discussing topics such as the final use of the Frigate by the US Navy, the Talisman Saber, developments of the F-35, combat roles becoming open to women, and the 240th birthday of the Navy/Marine Corps! MIDN Ayers led us in this very engaging discussion, and he captured everyone's attention by making the presentation his own.

Next, we received a motivating brief on values, morals, and ethics by SSgt Duke. We reviewed the meanings of all three of these terms, hitting on the main universal value of LIFE, and discussed how they relate to ourselves as future Naval/Marine officers. All of us will be faced with moral and ethical decisions, and it should be our goal to display the actions of an 'ethical warrior' in these situations.

Lab continued with some great advice and insight from 1/C Midshipmen Powell and Atchison, giving us a reflection on the experiences they have had here while at NC State. Some main points to pull from their reflection are 1) Tips for interested aviators, 2) Connecting with others in a variety of ways, and 3) Seek help when you need it.

We concluded lab with a small brief on the much needed changes to the UA policy, making them much stricter than previously. In addition, Extra Military Instruction (EMI) has been newly as a corrective action method. All in all, the lab was very engaging with some great discussions and good tips that everyone can benefit from.





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Naval Science Lab | 20 JAN 16 | MIDN 3/C Zaetz



In this week's lab, we began with a Khakis uniform inspection. From there, Battalion Commander and meteorologist major MIDN 1/C Caporali gave the battalion a quick analysis of the weather patterns around North Carolina; emphasizing caution and safety for winter weather. Next, MIDN 1/C Farris informed us of the current events pertaining to the US Navy and Marine Corps. He gave updates on research in underwater drones, USMC artillery evaluation and the status of the missing Marines in Hawaii.

Following these events, MIDN 1/C Ericksen introduced the 2016 End of the Year Exercise. He familiarized the battalion with the game's interface, rules, and its improvement over

past years. Next, we had the privilege of hearing OC Castleberry lead a brief based on her experiences as prior-enlisted. The focus of the brief was to expose the impact officers have on the workplace based on good or bad behavior. The key points were that officers should display mutual respect, humility and care. The discussion provided a rich environment for midshipmen to ask questions and learn a piece of wisdom. Midshipmen Hack and Maske concluded lab with their 1/C Reflections. They shared their insights and lessons learned about summer cruises, billets, academics and extra-curriculars.





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Naval Science Lab | 27 JAN 16 | MIDN 4/C Jaynes

To begin lab, we had several submariners from the USS Albany come down from Norfolk to talk about the submarine community and inform us on submarine warfare. One of the big takeaways from the Commander's presentation were that submarines engage in their normal mission set, but also conduct counter drug operations with the US Coast Guard. The LT that spoke went into more depth on the career path that one might expect upon commissioning. He also pointed out the fact that it is possible to be in command of your own submarine by age 39! The Senior Chief spoke on how the enlisted community views officers, and that officers need to understand the lifestyle of the enlisted sailors. Unlike officers, enlisted sailors have the chance to have back-to-back tours without shore duty. Also, that many enlisted sailors are very experienced and smart and not to underestimate their abilities. Near the end of the presentation the Commander spoke again to inform us on a new retirement plan being implemented in the Navy, which gives incentives to stay in longer than just four or five years.



Next, LT Showanes gave a brief on GMT Cyber Security. He began by giving an example of how powerful your Facebook posts can be. He described how a member of ISIS posted a picture of himself in front of the ISIS headquarters and soon after got the place blown up by us. He then went in to detail about how America views cyber security as one of our most urgent problems. On an individual level we need to focus on making our passwords secure, especially the one linked to our email. Within our email is the key to almost our entire lives. He finished up with a comical and very relevant example of how much information he was able to find on Midshipmen in the battalion by using Facebook. This lightened the mood and also drove home the point that nothing we do on any social media site is sacred.

Lastly, Midshipman Via informed the battalion of a picture caption contest that will be held within the battalion. The weekly winner would be presented with a prize during lab (most likely a beverage of their choice).



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Naval Science Lab | 10 FEB 16 | MIDN 4/C Krenn



MIDN Satterwhite began lab with a "Band of Brothers" episode that she used to discuss the importance of proper leadership. The episode conveyed that as squad leaders or fire team leaders, it is essential to look out for the members under our leadership. Every accountability, it is our responsibility to check our people and make sure that all is in order with them. It was also stressed to not be the leader that unites your platoon through their hatred of you like Captain Sobel did in the episode through strenuous PT and setting his squad up for failure. We as Naval officers should have our platoon succeed out of respect for us. Gunnery Sergeant made a point that it is not about your platoon liking you as a person, at the end of the day it is

about maintaining professionalism, which will result in your people following you and earning their respect. Lead from the front, not through demands that you as a leader cannot do yourself.

After the episode, we did a TDG breakout. It was essentially a simulation that forces midshipman to formulate decisions and battle plans that carry over to their experience in the fleet. Some things that we took away was the importance of asking the right questions, listening to those that have experience, and utilizing OODA loop.

Lab then concluded with a 1/C reflection by MIDN Alston and MIDN Franceshina who highlighted the importance of joining extracurricular activities.





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Naval Science Lab | 17 FEB 16 | MIDN 3/C Carlyon

We, as a Battalion, started off lab by breaking up into our respective platoons to practice drill.

The unit was honored to have LCDR Shultz come and speak to us about his experiences within the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) community. EOD, is one of the Unrestricted Line communities NROTC Midshipman can request as a service assignment. LCDR Shultz primarily talked about the rigorous training pipeline that one must go through. The pipeline is approximately 2 years long, and upon completion, you more training amongst EOD Mobile Units. He placed a lot of emphasis on being prepared to lead almost immediately after you reach your assignment. A lot of new EOD officers will serve as an Assistant Officer in charge of an EOD company. That is why we should take advantage of the opportunity to have a billet within the Battalion every semester.



Operational Security was the next topic for lab. Operational Security is the process of protecting little pieces of data that could be grouped together to give the bigger picture. Having mission essential information passed to our enemies through social media or by word of mouth could hinder our ability to stay concealed and ultimately give the enemy a clear lead on our plans. To prevent this, be careful of who may be listening to you, pay closer attention to a picture you may have posted on social media for potential evidence, and try not to talk openly on social media or in public about information on the units classified information list. It is important to limit what you say and what you post when there is a possibility that someone can use that information to cause harm to you or anybody else.

I believe that the Battalion will take the advice learned from lab and run away with it in order to make us and our Navy better.



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Naval Science Lab | 24 FEB 16 | MIDN 4/C Galligan

To begin the Lab, we started with the caption contest. The caption was amusing, as was the abstract picture chosen for the next week. We followed this with an award's ceremony honoring two MIDN for their exceptional duty to the battalion and success as a MIDN and as students of our University.

Then we had an EOYE exercise brief that explained the game in detail, however left much to be discovered. The brief established groups and explained where they would be going during the course of the lab. The brief also laid out the scenario without revealing any potential strategies that could be used by one team or another. Included was a map of the game, team organization and the overall mission



After being briefed, each team split up into their individual teams, marines with marines and Navy with Navy. Marine options went with the Marine group which represented the blue team of the scenario. The scenario had multiple objectives that we had to formulate a plan to take from a hostile enemy force. The complications included, the fog of war, friendly hostages held by the enemy, and the rules of the game which were predetermined.

The Marine options immediately began to research all of their own dispositions, compositions, and strengths of all equipment and capabilities. They were also required to research the strengths and weaknesses of the enemy. They researched and put all of their findings into a Google Document. Next, they formulated tasks for each member of the group. Everyone was delegated a certain task to perform, such as Radio operator, or the person in charge of calling in air support.

Upon establishing a structure for themselves and the team the Marine options began to attempt to formulate a plan. This did not go so well because of their lack of knowledge about the rules of the game itself. They had many questions and saw some of them answered by the overseers of the game. MIDN Lockhart answered many of the questions the group asked, however they still had many wonders left unresolved. Upon completing the tasks and research the Marine options found themselves with little to do for a short amount of time and attempted to plan however we still did not have all the information needed to complete a strategy.

At the end of lab the battalion regathered in the Navy classroom to get briefed by our Battalion Commander. It was a simple safety brief and the message was to be intentional in our daily lives. In the brief we were also told to make sure that we try to use our common courtesies more and more and incorporate them into our daily lives.



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Naval Science Lab | 16 MAR 16 | MIDN 4/C Summer



We began lab by practicing drill on the basketball courts in Carmichael gym. Platoon sergeants practiced commanding their platoons by executing a standard drill card. The platoons also let underclassmen practice commanding, which served as an exercise in quick thinking and adaptability due to the limited space on the basketball courts. We ended this portion of lab with a tough round of drill knockout, won by MIDN Jencyowski.

After drill practice, the battalion moved to the Navy classroom in order to hear from a guest speaker, former Marine officer Zach Oldham. Mr. Oldham enlisted as a rifleman in the Marine Corps and later went through the Platoon Leaders Course (PLC) to be-

come an Engineer Officer. He was attached to and assisted a variety of units during his time in the Marine Corps and spoke to us about his experience on both the enlisted and officer side, the transition, and differences between the two. He offered great insight into the enlisted world as they teach responsibility for just yourself, and instant obedience to orders, as opposed to the officer's responsibility for the big picture and their role in giving orders. Mr. Oldham also gave some great advice about combat decision making, telling the battalion about tough decisions from his career and advising us to evaluate all options to solve a problem, to know the people we're leading, and to lead by example and from the front. His bottom line was this: "Never ask your people to do anything you wouldn't do yourself."

Lab then ended with brief announcements by MIDN Via and MIDN Murray about the weekly Facebook caption contest and recent birthdays in the battalion.





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Battalion Picnic | 30 MAR 16 | MIDN 4/C Weber

This week in place of lab, the entire Battalion was invited to Pullen Park for an MWR picnic. All midshipmen and active duty staff had the privilege of enjoying freshly grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as friendly tournament games of cornhole, ultimate frisbee, and volleyball. It was a great way to relax and have fun by competing against peers and enjoying each other's company. Several of the midshipmen appreciated how this function was less structured than most Battalion events. From when the grills were fired up to when the last cornhole board was packed away, the entire event lasted roughly three hours.

Watching the activities from the grassy hill overlooking the field, one could see distinct signs of comradery amongst the participants. Laughter and cheerfulness served to prove to any onlookers that all were having a good time. This event was not simply intended for a fun afternoon of recreation, but to also build morale and enhance the welfare of the group. In a time where everyone is stressed about impending exams and final projects, nobody could have asked for a more suitable stress reliever. After a much needed gathering, midshipmen are now more prepared to tackle upcoming academic affairs with success.

Naval Science Lab | 6 APR 16 | MIDN 3/C Metz

Navy lab began on with the Battalion Commander, MIDN 1/C Caporali, talking to the battalion about our battalion photo at the football stadium. He spoke about starting a legacy for putting the photo in the wardroom next semester so that it felt more like home. Our wardroom is our space, and having the photo up would make it our own. We then proceeded with our End of Year Exercise Rehearsal. After preparing ourselves in knowing how everything worked with the EOYE in previous labs, it was time to give the game a practice. Both teams experienced some minor hiccups, as did white cell, but it proved to be a good learning experience. Putting actual moves into effect seemed to spawn some errors, so practicing helped everyone know what their assets could do and how they could move on the map. When lab ended, we were prepared for the actual EOYE, which would take place next lab on April 13th.





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Field Meet | 09 APR 16 | MIDN 1/C Via



As Wolfpack Battalion filled the field house on UNC's campus there was a buzz in the air, not only of excitement, but of preparation to dominate friendly competition with our blue brethren. The first event was the drill competition consisting of four NC State squads, and one each from Duke and UNC. As easy as a cake walk, NC State won the competition, setting the tone for the rest of the day. In Ultimate Frisby, the Wolfpack trounced UNC early in the competition and staved Duke off in the final round to win the tournament. Competition was close as the three schools battled in the medley relay, tug of war, fireteam push ups, pull ups, and curl ups. The schools waited with baited breath as Captain Gillespie announced the winner of the field meet...

WOLFPACK BATTALION TAKES THE TROPHY!

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End of the Year Exercise | 13 APR 16 | MIDN 1/C Bushong

This week in lab the Battalion conducted our annual End of the Year Exercise. The exercise is an online script/gameplay that allows each team to input moves and simulate warfare. The teams consisted of Alpha Company vs Bravo Company. The scenario for the exercise involved one country gaining control over another country's airport, which has established Surface to Air Missiles (SAM) sites along the coast. Alpha Company was designated to come in from the sea to launch offensive countermeasures against the country on land, while Bravo Company was on land defending themselves from Alpha's aggression. The game ended with Bravo company taking the win, by holding off the attack from Alpha Company. Bravo Company's key to victory was quietly moving a submarine across the entire board, and ultimately sinking Alpha Company's aircraft carrier.

The exercise shows leadership at all levels. Upperclassmen are given commander roles of the various communities by designating someone in charge of the different communities: Ships, Subs, Air, and Marines. Other Midshipman are given various tasks to be in charge of in their respective field. For example, one Midshipman may be responsible for all the F/A-18's, while another Midshipman may be responsible for the moves of a Destroyer. The exercise allows plenty of hands on practice for the Midshipman, and demonstrates real world scenarios for the fleet.





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Change of Command Ceremony | 20 APR 16 | MIDN 4/C Haley

Though the preparation for change of command was hectic, it payed off substantially with fluent transitions of the consecutive events. The Color Guard had a rough time with the low hanging ceilings and close quarters; however they did a great job keeping the flags out of harms way. The Battalion's Service Dress Whites looked fantastic, representing the battalion well. The awards were given out in proper order and the Midshipmen that were there were in the proper alignment to claim their awards. There were also a lot of Midshipmen that were in lab conflict and were not able to physically receive their award during lab.



Over the semester, MIDN 1/C Caporali has displayed great tact and dedication in establishing his three tenants: Be Intentional, Be Reflective, and Be the Change. Throughout the semester, the battalion has truly taken this to their actions from day to day operations and implementing it into our schedules. His vision of the battalion was certainly carried out; he has made an imprint on the Battalion Commander position and will leave our battalion better than he found it. MIDN 1/C Buschmann will have some big shoes to fill in the Fall semester, but her introduction in lab displayed her devotion and dedication to making the battalion a better organization. We all look forward to her leadership and ideas in the fall.



The change of command ceremony has a lot of history in it, as we were able to reflect on the past leaders. The ceremony was well executed and an important introduction to the Navy's customs and courtesies.

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Wolfpack Battalion Awards



Academic Excellence

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

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| OC Delucia | MIDN 4/C Kakaley | MIDN 3/C Metz | MIDN 2/C Buschmann |
| MIDN 2/C Medlin | MIDN 4/C McMellon | OC Waring | OC Kiessling |
| MIDN 4/C Rice | MIDN 4/C Blankenship | MIDN 4/C Henkel | MIDN 3/C Detrick |
| MIDN 4/C Hamilton | | | |



Academic Achievement

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

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| MIDN 3/C Feroce | OC Bowser | MIDN 4/C Ingram | MIDN 2/C Rodriguez |
| OC Jenkins | MIDN 3/C Hoople | MIDN 4/C White | MIDN 1/C Murray |
| MIDN 1/C Via | MIDN 4/C Thackerson | MIDN 1/C Alston | MIDN 3/C Kane |
| MIDN 4/C Haley | | | |



Physical Fitness Award

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

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| MIDN 1/C Ahlers | MIDN 4/C Averette | MIDN 4/C Boisse | MIDN 2/C Capobianco | MIDN 1/C Caporali |
| MIDN 3/C Carr | MIDN 1/C Dombly | MIDN 3/C Feroce | MIDN 4/C Henkel | MIDN 3/C Hoople |
| MIDN 4/C Ingram | MIDN 4/C Jaynes | MIDN 2/C Maginniss | MIDN 1/C Maske | MIDN 4/C McMellon |
| MIDN 3/C Metz | MIDN 2/C Moffitt | MIDN 3/C Murphy | MIDN 2/C O'Neil | MIDN 2/C Piscitelli |
| MIDN 1/C Ransom | MIDN 3/C Rennard | MIDN 2/C Spaeth | MIDN 3/C Taylor | MIDN 4/C White |
| MIDN 3/C Barclay | MIDN 2/C Brown | MIDN 2/C Glynn | MIDN 2/C James | MIDN 3/C Londa |
| MIDN 1/C Mazaleski | MIDN 4/C McLaurin | MIDN 3/C Selke | MIDN 2/C Sutter | |
| MIDN 1/C Van Der Werff | | | | |



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VADM Moran, USN



Maj Gen Silveria, USAF



GEN Dempsey, USA



CDR Volpe, USN



ADM Howard, USN



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USS North Carolina Battleship Tour



NCO Panel



USNA Leadership Conference



Spring FEX at Camp Geiger



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North Carolina State Spring Class of 2016



Top Row:

ENS Ahlers, ENS Underdown, ENS Ransom, ENS Ayers, ENS Hack, ENS Castleberry

Middle Row:

ENS Bushong, ENS Foushee, ENS Stone, ENS DeOre R., ENS Futreal, ENS Powell

Bottom Row:

2nd LT Mazaleski, ENS Maske, ENS Muth, ENS Atchison, ENS Massey, ENS DeOre A., 2nd LT Duke