

THE 1MC

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CLASSES, HURRICANES, AND FOOTBALL GAMES

The first full month of classes has finally come to a close and the Battalion has had its fair share of challenges. Between working souvenir booths at football games, enduring Hurricane Florence, and continuing leadership development, September has proved an exciting month for all.

This issue covers the leadership labs over the past month, the 9/11 Memorial Run, and the many MIDN, OCs, and MECEPs who excelled in their academics last semester.

Stay tuned for the October issue. The Battalion will be conducting its first Leadership Reaction Course in preparation for 4/C Sea Trials on 27 October, as well as attending an exciting leadership panel led by former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West and former Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Mike Barrett!

On a final note, be sure to check out the new Battalion Instagram as well as our revitalized Facebook page!



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9/11 MEMORIAL RUN

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

The 9/11 Memorial Run at NC State University took place on the morning of 9 September. The event was planned by the 9/11 Memorial Run Planning Committee, composed almost entirely of members of the NROTC Battalion. It was just over two miles and went around the NCSU campus.



MIDN 2/C BAKER BEGINNING THE MEMORIAL RUN

Security and road guard resources were provided by volunteers from all three ROTC units at NCSU along with the NCSU Police Department. The ceremony began at 0845 at Stafford Commons with speakers from the ROTC organization and a moving speech from a former Navy chaplain who was present at the Pentagon on 9/11 in 2001. The run itself began at 0911, led by a van of first responders from a variety of Wake County agencies. It was a day of remembrance, as well as a reminder of American tenacity and resilience in the face of hardship.

The turnout for the run was well over a hundred people, with strong showings from all three ROTC units. The Wolfpack Battalion came out in force, some in their PT



AFROTC RUNNING TOGETHER IN RANKS

uniforms and some in their own workout gear. Although the Memorial Run isn't an ROTC event, the deep involvement of NROTC as well as AROTC and AFROTC in the planning and execution of the event serves to demonstrate a commitment to the memory of 9/11 and the enduring legacy of its heroes.

- MIDN 2/C Kirkland



LEADERSHIP LABS

29 AUGUST

The Battalion formed up in service khakis for the first time outside of Riddick Hall. After taking accountability, the midshipmen were moved inside to the Riddick classroom for uniform inspections before taking individual portraits. Following this, the Commanding Officer of NCPR, Captain Marc Stern, went through a slide show detailing his life and career in the Navy, before talking about his favorite liberty port and taking questions from the midshipmen.

Next, the Battalion Commander and Captain Stern presented several academic and conduct awards to noteworthy midshipmen and Officer Candidates. These awards included the Academic Achievement award, the Academic Excellence award, and the Good Conduct award which is earned by active-duty members for



CAPTAIN STERN SWEARING IN MIDN 4/C HERNANDEZ AND GRIFFIN



MIDN 2/C HUNTER PREPARING FOR HIS KHAKIS INSPECTION

every 3 years of honorable and faithful service. In addition, two 4/C midshipmen, MIDN 4/C Hernandez and Griffin, took their oath of office before the Battalion. Finally, the Battalion split up for Company breakout sessions. Alpha and Bravo discussed ideas for future labs while the 4/C took a surprise PQS quiz and Charlie Company was briefed on uniform regulations and future trips to Camp Lejeune's obstacle course. Each company had excellent ideas for future labs and are excited to implement some of them in the coming weeks.

-MIDN 3/C Carlson

ACADEMIC AWARDS

4.0 GPA

SSgt Manuel
OC Goh
OC Doughtie
MIDN 3/C Smith
MIDN 2/C Starr
MIDN 1/C Kakaley

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SSgt Enright
SSgt Dejong
MIDN 3/C Mager
MIDN 2/C Perry
MIDN 1/C Blankenship
MIDN 2/C Olson IV
MIDN 2/C Woodworth

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

MIDN 1/C Ingram
MIDN 2/ C Teeter
MIDN 1/C Welsh
MIDN 3/C Mears
GySgt Johnson
MIDN 2/C Alden
OC Dykeman
MIDN 2/C Krasny
MIDN 1/C Haritan
SSgt San Miguel



GOOD CONDUCT

5 SEPTEMBER

- OC Ray
- OC Bynum
- OC Goh
- OC Doughtie

Today's lab began with remarks from Captain Stern. He spoke on "a day in the life" of a sailor, emphasizing the importance of accountability through the catch phrase "show me the reference." The CO's brief was followed by the Battalion's first General Military Training (GMT) of the semester, Full Speed Ahead. This training focused on developing our moral resilience through scenarios that challenged our integrity, accountability, initiative, and toughness.



LT RORAPAUGH PROVIDING GMT FOR THE BATTALION



OC BYNUM RECEIVING GOOD CONDUCT AWARD

Following GMT, the Battalion had company breakouts. Alpha and Bravo began their time together with a PQS quiz. They then watched a TEDtalk on how great leaders inspire action and discussed the lessons learned and how they can be applied to military service. Charlie Company discussed customs and courtesies in a brief led by MIDN 3/C Ward. She stressed the importance of our acute awareness to military traditions as well as their purposes.



BATTALION PREPARING FOR COMPANY BREAKOUTS

- MIDN 2/C Alden

12 SEPTEMBER



Lab began with a brief from Officer Candidate (OC) Love and MIDN 2/C Starr on student enrollment services. The academics brief was followed by summer cruise reflections. Various midshipmen briefed the Battalion over what they had done during their summer cruises. The briefs began with MIDN 2/C Welsh and MIDN 3/C Ojeda. Both attended CORTRAMID West where they were exposed to every unrestricted line community the Navy has to offer. Next was MIDN 2/C Olson IV; he embarked on a submarine for an enlisted summer cruise to observe what life is like as an enlisted submariner. The next set of presenters was MIDN 1/C Blankenship, Boisse, and Spalding who all attended a Junior Officer cruise to learn what life is like as a Junior Officer. MIDN Blankenship was aboard a submarine while the other two were attached to separate aircraft carriers.



MIDN 3/C OJEDA BRIEFING HIS SUMMER CRUISE EXPERIENCE

After summer cruise briefs concluded, Company breakouts began. Both Alpha and Bravo took a PQS quiz to test their knowledge. The quiz was followed by a history brief from MIDN 2/C Kirkland on the Cold War. His brief covered many aspects including who was involved, a sequence of events, and detailed descriptions of important figures at the time. Charlie Company learned about the combat order paragraph. This was taught by SSgt Manuel who showed them the specifics of the combat order skeleton.

After these briefs were concluded, everyone was reminded to stay safe as Hurricane Florence approached the coast and dismissed.

-MIDN 1/C Chaundy



MIDN 2/C KIRKLAND METICULOUSLY BRIEFING THE COLD WAR

19 SEPTEMBER

We began lab with a current event update from MIDN 3/C Olson. He briefed the Battalion on the recent opening of the Eritrean and Ethiopian border. His presentation provided a history of the conflict between the two countries and how this event contributed to the stabilization of East Africa. This week's brief from Captain Stern focused on training, mainly the importance of the difference between training and education. He also discussed the value of preparing



MIDN 3/C OLSON BRIEFING THE STABILIZATION OF EAST AFRICA

training and encouraged us to dedicate time for hands-on learning for our subordinates.

Once Captain Stern wrapped up, MIDN 2/C Olson IV briefed the Battalion on the planned activities for the upcoming Military Appreciation Day football game on 8 November. Next, MIDN 1/C Kakaley guided the Battalion through a day in the life of a Marine at Officer Candidate School (OCS). He ended his presentation with the motto of Marine Corps OCS: "Ductus Exemplo" or Lead by Example.



MIDN 1/C KAKALEY DISCUSSES THE CHALLENGES OF MARINE OCS

During Company breakouts, Marine options were briefed and trained on combat orders, hip pocket classes, and the basics of strategic planning as an infantry unit leader. Meanwhile, the Navy options were visited by ENS Metz and ENS Hoople, who were commissioned at NCSU this past Spring. They imparted words of advice pertaining to graduation, studying for qualification tests, and making the best of one-of-a-kind experiences on campus. Finally, after a brief drill practice we were released, and a fine Navy day was had by all!

-OC Bynum



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