



Fall 2016 IMC

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Welcome back to our Fall 2016 edition of the IMC!

We would first like to welcome all of the freshman and congratulate them for making it through their first 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 as you will soon see for yourself. In this newsletter we will take a look at all that has been accomplished this semester.

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

This edition includes pieces from our very own MIDN about this past Fall 2016 events including: Sea Trials, Fall Ball, PQS Boards and so much more.



Academic Excellence



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

OC Goh

OC Kiessling

OC Pauken

OC Waring

SSgt Enright

MIDN 1/C Buschmann

MIDN 1/C Glynn

MIDN 1/C James

MIDN 1/C Medlin

MIDN 1/C Rodriguez

MIDN 1/C Satterwhite

MIDN 2/C Feroce

MIDN 2/C Zaetz

MIDN 3/C Henkel

MIDN 3/C Jaynes

MIDN 3/C Kakaley

MIDN 4/C Brown

MIDN 4/C Krasny

MIDN 4/C Olson

MIDN 4/C Perry

MIDN 4/C Ryder

MIDN 4/C Starr

MIDN 4/C Teeter

MIDN 4/C Woodworth



The second lab of this 2016-2017 school year began with a battalion wide group photo at the bell tower. Events like this are important for documenting the history of the battalion and keeping quality historical records of events. It also increases the moral of the battalion to be documented and legitimized.

The battalion was fortunate enough to host the CO of the NROTC consortium today as Captain Gillespie visited to present awards and scholarships to midshipman. Watching college program midshipman receive scholarships was a highlight of the lab. Additionally awards were presented for excellent physical fitness and academic achievement. Scores of outstanding on the PRT and over 285 on the PFT qualified midshipman for the physical achievement award. Academic achievement ribbons were awarded to midshipman with GPA's in the top 40% of the battalion while academic excellence ribbons were awarded to those in the top 20%. During the course of this lab the battalion was also honored to witness the promotion of OC Sheenan as her husband pinned on her new rank.



Following awards and promotions the new XO and MOI introduced themselves to the battalion. It was good experience to familiarize ourselves with the new active duty leadership within the battalion. At the end of their introductions we were given a small brief on the budget of the battalion and how it will be handled this year. This was a good informative experience that explains to the battalion why we work the stadium clean-ups, and football games. This was an informative and morale building lab that certainly added to the efficiency of the Wolfpack battalion.

MIDN 3/C Brown | 24 AUG



Academic Achievement



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

- OC Coleman**
- OC Cuddy**
- OC Dykeman**
- OC Leatherman**
- OC Sheehan**
- MIDN 1/C Barron**
- MIDN 1/C Rowe**
- MIDN 1/C Spaeth**
- MDIN 1/C Piscitelli**
- MDIN 2/C Carlyon**
- MDIN 2/C Carr**
- MIDN 2/C Hoople**
- MIDN 2/C Metz**
- MIDN 3/C Blankenship**
- MIDN 3/C Chaundy**
- MIDN 3/C McMellon**
- MIDN 3/C Rice**
- MIDN 4/C Alden**
- MIDN 4/C Babb**
- MIDN 4/C Howard**
- MIDN 4/C Trevey**
- MIDN 4/C Wheatley**

Having had a few weeks for the Midshipmen to get on track for academic success this semester, our Naval training is able to really begin. To make sure new and returning members are prepared and presentable, the Battalion underwent a uniform inspection on the Brickyard. Each Midshipmen had their Service Khakis inspected to make sure they are properly caring for and wearing the uniform. There was also a check to make sure everyone was carrying their command cards as well as some basic knowledge questions. Shortly after the inspection, a brief was given on flag detail. Raising and lowering the flag is an important duty most Midshipmen will receive this Semester and it is important it is done correctly.



As a part of the Navy, NROTC is subject to general military training, or GMT, which must be received annually. As part of this program, The Battalion was given a brief on domestic violence and abuse by Ensign Foushee. As future Officers, it is important that we are able to identify violence and abuse for both our own

well being and for the safety of the sailors and marines we will one day lead. The brief included information on types of violence, warning signs to help identify it, and what resources are available to us now and in the future while in the fleet.



To finish Lab, the Battalion broke out into different groups for Community Briefs. In these briefs, the active duty explain the different

communities they are a part of and share some of their experiences. Community breakouts help us Midshipmen decide on which communities we would prefer when we apply for service assignment when we graduate. The different communities include Surface Warfare, Submarines, and Aviation which includes both pilot and naval flight officer. Those who attend the Surface Warfare brief also have a chance to work with the Maritime Skills Simulator (MSS), where we develop skills to drive the ships. Over the next few weeks, community breakouts should continue so that the entire Battalion has a chance to explore the different communities.

MIDN 2/C Keim | 31 AUG

Physical Fitness



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

OC Coleman

MIDN 1/C Buschmann

MIDN 1/C Glynn

MIDN 1/C James

MIDN 1/C Lockhart

MIDN 1/C Maginniss

MIDN 1/C O'Neil

MIDN 1/C Piscitelli

MIDN 1/C Spaeth

MIDN 1/C Sutter

MIDN 2/C Barclay

MIDN 2/C Carlyon

MIDN 2/C Carr

MIDN 2/C Feroce

MIDN 2/C Hoople

MIDN 2/C Rennard

MIDN 2/C Selke

MIDN 3/C Abourched

MIDN 3/C Blankenship

MIDN 3/C Boisse

MIDN 3/C Chaundy

MIDN 3/C Henkel

MIDN 3/C Ingram

MIDN 3/C Jaynes

MIDN 3/C Rice

MIDN 3/C White

MIDN 4/C Alden

MIDN 4/C Krasny

The battalion kicked off lab this week with a new muster location at Stafford Commons located in front of Talley Student Union. Once everyone was accounted for we transitioned into Talley. Lab was conducted here to provide the battalion with a more comfortable learning environment as the classroom in Broughton still suffers from lack of air conditioning; also with Reynolds Coliseum being completed, the battalion is hopeful that lab will continue to be in the student union. After settling in, we began our lab with a safety brief on handguns from University Police. Sergeant Jason Dyde, a member of the Criminal Investigation Division and lead trainer of firearm safety, came to educate MIDN and OCs on proper handgun safety and operation. Our Commanding Officer, CAPT Gillespie wants to have all battalion members trained to handle and fire pistols this semester. Entering the US Military as commissioned Naval and Marine Corps officers we will be handling a firearm at some point in our career. Sergeant Dyde brought dummy pistols to allow the battalion to get actual hands on training in proper handling technique of handguns. This early education on safety of handguns has helped to continue to prepare and develop our battalion for our future service.



Following the handgun safety brief, we had our second week of community breakouts with the Lieutenants in their specific communities. The community breakouts are very informative for all of the new 4/C MIDN because most of them do not know much about the different Unrestricted Line Officer communities that they will be commissioning into. For the upper-classmen these community breakouts help them to make their decision on which community that they will select and hopefully enter. All in all, this was a very informative lab for all MIDN and OCs as we continue to learn and develop ourselves into the future leaders we are being trained to be.

MIDN 2/C Boisse | 7 SEP

When you see something, say something. Take action. This is the recurring theme in the General Military Training conducted in the last Lab session on Hazing, Sexual Harassment, and Alcohol Abuse. Such incidents affect trust and morale in the workplace, and can bring discredit to the Navy. As future Naval Officers who may encounter these problems in the fleet, we are encouraged to stop malicious traditions and behavior from continuing and start positive change.

The training videos presented situations that may prevent us from doing the right thing and showed us how we can handle them should we encounter it ourselves. The Battalion CO, MIDN 1/C Buschmann, also shared how she witnessed a command deal with sexual harassment while she was on board during her summer cruise. One of us has already encountered these situations and more will. When that day comes, we must be ready to take action to protect our sailors. When you see something, say something. Do something.

OC Goh | 14 SEP

MIDN of the Month September

MIDN 2/C Zaetz

Major: Arabic Language and Literature, International Studies

Hometown: Cary, NC

Desired Service Select: Surface Warfare Officer

Favorite Quote: "Work hard, play hard."

MIDN 4/C Olson

Major: Nuclear Engineering

Hometown: Wilmington, NC

Desired Service Select: Submarine Warfare Officer

Favorite Quote: "When you can't make them see the light, make them feel the heat" - Ronald Reagan



Selected members from Bravo Company went to the MSS in Hunt Library. At the MSS, Midshipmen learn the basics of being the Conning officer and Officer of the Deck. They also man the helm, operate radars, and stand watch as lookouts.

The rest of the Battalion met in Talley Student Union. A few Midshipmen had prepared briefs about Medal of Honor recipients such as 2nd Lieutenant John Bobo and Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone to name a few. As we listened to the accounts of gallantry in battle, we reflected on our own lives as students and Midshipmen and thought of how we can display the same core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment in our lives. These briefs were motivating and impactful.



After the Medal of Honor briefs, Navy-option Midshipmen split into "Community Breakouts". During this time, Midshipmen can learn more about a certain community within the Navy (Aviation, Submarines, and Surface Warfare). We learn about life in the fleet, duties and responsibilities of Junior Officers in their respective communities, and leadership within the units.

MIDN 2/C Barclay | 21 SEP

The final Lab of September included guest EOD speakers, academic reflection, O-Club breakouts, and breakouts by class. The Battalion was lucky enough to have two graduates of the program speak about their training and life as EOD officers. LT Jones and LT Clayton presented the organization of EOD, the training timeline, and what it takes to be selected to be an EOD officer. After their presentation, the EOD officers accepted questions from Midshipman.

The Battalion's Commanding Officer CAPT Gillespie then spoke about the process for a side load scholarship for College Program Midshipman. CAPT Gillespie presented Midshipman Zaetz with her scholarship and she took the Oath of Office as the final step in this process.

Next during lab, the Battalion split up into O-club breakouts. The communities included were Marine Corps, Special Operations, Aviation, Submarines, and Surface Warfare. LT Ryan, LT Wood, and LT Miller were guest panelist along with the Active Duty staff. Midshipman were able to ask questions in a casual setting to the officers and ask them anything from their training, to what life is like out in the fleet.



To finish lab, the Midshipman broke out into three groups. The fourth class completed three rounds of PQS practice, including a pop quiz, knockout round flashcards, and team Jeopardy. The second and third class attended SAPR training with LT Ansel while the first class had a discussion on Naval Correspondence. This included briefly discussing the proper format of all emails, letters and other official types of correspondence utilized by the Navy. With the end of lab, the Battalion is looking forward to the next week's PRT/PFT and for the well deserved Fall Break.

MIDN 4/C Haritan | 28 SEP

9/11 Memorial Run

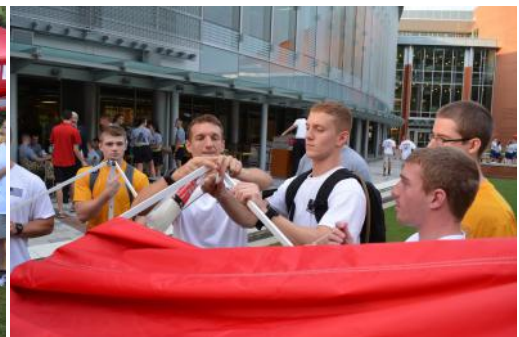


On September 11, 2001, 2,996 people lost their lives due to one reason and one reason alone: being American. 15 years later we as Americans and other countries around the world continue to face this common enemy. In response to their attacks, we must stand resilient. We will remain headstrong in our efforts to combat them, while also remembering those that have fallen in this fight. The purpose of the 1st Annual 9/11 Memorial Run was to remember those we lost on that day and inspire hope for a more peaceful community, nation, and world. The 9/11 Memorial Run was not solely a campus event designed to honor those lost due to the attacks on September 11th. This run provided the opportunity to bring organizations and individuals from across our community to support an event that affected us all. The event called upon the collaborative work of multiple campus organizations, gained

participants from all backgrounds, and put NC State on the map in the Raleigh area as a site to honor those who died on September 11th. It was an opportunity for NC State to make the statement that as a community we do not stand idly by in the face of those who attack our freedoms. We stand together as a people, as a community, as a Pack.



MIDN 1/C Caporali | 11 SEP



MIDN of the Month October

MIDN 1/C Jencyowski

**Major:
Electrical Engineering**

Hometown: Norton, MA

**Desired Service Select:
Naval Aviator**

Favorite Quote: "Here it is, my philosophy is basically this, and this is something that I live by, and I always have, and I always will: don't ever for any reason, do anything, to anyone, for any reason ever, no matter what, no matter where, or who, or who you are with or where you are going or where you've been, ever, for any reason whatsoever" - Michael Scott

MIDN 4/C Perry

**Major:
Electrical Engineering**

**Hometown:
Raleigh, NC**

**Desired Service Select:
Surface Warfare
Officer**

Favorite Quote: "Remember your dreams and fight for them. You must know what you want from life. There is just one thing that makes your dream become impossible: the fear of failure." - Paulo Coelho

Lab for this week started out with drill on the Carmichael Gym basketball courts in preparation for the upcoming platoon competition. Once drill was complete, the battalion made its way over to Witherspoon for the continuation of lab.

Captain Morris gave a spirited Equal Opportunity brief for the battalion. He emphasized that merit and character are the keys to passing or failure in life. He also stated that in our ever-changing Navy and Marine Corps everyone has a place and we, as future leaders, should strive to help our Sailors and Marines find their useful place in each branch.



The OCs were up next for an interesting brief on naval customs and traditions. These included obscure rates from the past, even though all rates now may be considered obscure and outdated. The history of frocking and how it is still used in our Navy today. OC Leatherman relayed a story of how he was frocked up to Petty Officer First Class on an assignment, and how that instant change in responsibility and leadership wouldn't have happened if the Navy had done away with frocking long ago. This brief emphasized that while some of our traditions have gone by the wayside, some continue to be implemented and we should understand the why behind them.

MIDN 2/C Millikan | 5 OCT

This week's lab involved a major mixer and an active duty- lessons learned brief. This was a change-up from the usual style of brief, which kept the midshipmen intrigued. Both portions gave insightful, down to Earth advice.

For the major mixer, the battalion was split into groupings of relevant majors and individuals were allowed to ask questions about others' experience within the major. This is a rare opportunity for underclassmen as the university does not have a program like this established and it can be difficult to get time with academic advisors. Information such as who the effective professors are or what the best order of classes to take is best taught by those with experience, as opposed to reading about it online.

Similarly, the active duty's brief, gave the battalion a great deal of insight on mistakes to watch out for within the first few years of commissioning. Again, it was one thing to learn about the job from textbooks, but it is invaluable to speak to officers who have already been through their junior officer years. This lab will definitely contribute to MIDN's training in becoming a Naval Officer of the United States of America.

MIDN 3/C Henkel | 12 OCT

**MIDN of the Month
November**

MIDN 2/C Londa

**Major:
Industrial Engineering**

Hometown: Akron, OH

**Desired Service Select:
United States Marine
Corps**

**Favorite Quote: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us."
- Marianne Williamson**

Battalion lab this week began outside of Talley Student Union at Stafford Commons. Once accountability had been taken, everyone moved into a classroom inside Talley. The NCPN NROTC Commanding Officer, Captain Gillespie, started off lab by rendering the oath of office for MIDN 3/C Haley, who recently received a three-year scholarship. Lieutenant Scalabrino followed MIDN Haley's oath with a GMT brief about stress management and suicide prevention. His presentation included statistics, visuals, and tips to aid with understanding and application. After LT Scalabrino's brief, CAPT Gillespie announced the upcoming semester's Battalion Commander and Executive Officer: MIDN 1/C O'Neil and MIDN 1/C Spaeth, respectfully. LT Scalabrino then gave the battalion its annual security refresher training, serving as a reminder to midshipmen the importance of awareness and security on all levels. OC Waring gave a quick brief on the battalion's budget, keeping everyone informed on past and future battalion spending. Following OC Waring's budget brief, MIDN 3/C Blankenship presented a mid-semester academics brief to the battalion, giving stats from the first round of calculus and physics tests. He also gave tips and resources to improve scores for the next round of tests.

After a few brief announcements from the battalion's Sergeant Major and Battalion Commander, the 4/C midshipmen in the battalion relocated from Talley to the new Navy classroom in Reynold's Coliseum to discuss upcoming PQS Boards and practice potential questions. There, the 4/C midshipmen could ask 2/C Selke and 2/C Metz questions about the way questions will be asked and the way to properly conduct themselves during the boards. This time with the upperclassmen helped 4/C midshipmen feel more confident and at ease about the boards. The rest of the battalion stayed in Talley for a radio communications brief, given by GySgt Browning. First, second, and third-class midshipmen discussed the purpose of call-signs, the proper way to initiate, and carry out a radio call, and different terminology used during radio calls. They talked about how clarity and conciseness are paramount for a good radio call when timing is important. Knowing proper radio communications procedures will be essential in the fleet. GO WOLFPACK!

MIDN 4/C Baker

**Major:
Civil Engineering**

**Hometown:
Lawrenceville, GA**

**Desired Service Select:
Surface Warfare
Officer**

Favorite Quote: "Don't ask 'Why', ask instead 'Why not?'"

MIDN 4/C Alden | 19 OCT



MWR Event



The MWR lab for the fall semester consisted of several games from “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”. Midshipmen and active duty competed in these games to provide entertainment for the rest of the battalion and give some relief from a tough semester.

The first game played was Password, where midshipmen competed in teams of two to guess a

password by using one-word clues. Some of the clues that midshipmen came up with gave everyone a good laugh.

Then, MIDN Buschmann competed against CAPT Gillespie in a game of Egg Roulette. Each took turns smashing an egg on their head, not knowing if it was hard-boiled or raw.

After the mess was cleaned up, we began Lip Sync Battles. These were a battalion favorite, which consisted of several midshipmen and GySgt Browning going head to head lip syncing some popular songs. Some of the popular performances were MIDN Henkel lip syncing “Let It Go” and MIDN Adams lip syncing “Never Gonna Give You Up”.



Once the laughter died down, we began playing True Confessions. MIDN Spalding, MIDN Perry, and LT Scalabrino sat around a table with two envelopes. The envelopes contained one true story and one lie. Two of the participants would select an envelope for the remaining person and listen to the story. Then they would ask questions about the story for a minute and guess whether it is true or false based on their questions.

To conclude lab, we played Box of Lies. This game pits two contestants face to face with boxes containing random objects. The contestants could then describe the object or lie about it to try to trick the other contestant.

Overall, the MWR lab was a great time for the battalion and a chance to unwind during the semester. It gave us the opportunity to boost morale and finish the semester strong!



MIDN 3/C Fiackos | 26 OCT

MIDN of the Semester**MIDN 2/C Barclay****Major: Accounting****Hometown: Charlotte, NC****Desired Service Select:
United States Marine
Corps****Favorite Quote:
"Leadership is the art of
getting someone else to
do something you want
done because he wants
to do it."
- Dwight D. Eisenhower**

The XO gave a brief on the Executive and Legislative Branches of Government. It is to be understood that the government divides itself into a total of three branches to ensure that "no individual or groups gains too much control". The two branches we focused, were the executive and legislative branches, which directly support the military forces that our Naval ROTC Program exists under. The Executive Branch allows the President and Vice President to carry out the laws and the Legislative Branch allows the Congress to make the laws. There is both an operational and management focus to the branches government. The military stands as the operational force. The XO honed in on the beauty of the Constitution that was written so many years ago, but states the mission of our Navy that will continue to follow today. Some of the Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution reads: "The Congress shall have Power...to raise and support Armies...To provide and maintain a Navy...To make rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval forces..." The responsibilities of the executive and legislative branches for the active and reserve military stems from Articles I and II of the U.S. Constitution.

The XO's brief was followed by a video documentary on Syria and the White Helmets, who are described as a volunteer team of first responders who save trapped civilians from bomb strikes. Over the past year almost 150 White Helmets have died, but they have saved over 62,000 lives.

During the XO brief and Syrian Documentary, the fourth-class were having the PQS Boards. This was the first year where the passing rate was an 80, instead of a 70.

MIDN 4/C Baker**Major:
Civil Engineering****Hometown:
Lawrenceville, GA****Desired Service Select:
Surface Warfare
Officer****Favorite Quote: "Don't
ask 'Why', ask instead
'Why not?'"**

MIDN 1/C Barron | 2 NOV

Navy Leadership Lab began on 16 NOV with a hard-fought drill competition. All semester the platoons have been gearing for this competition by sharpening their skills, increasing intensity, and refreshing themselves in the drill manual. The winner will earn crucial points towards winning the platoon competition, which is coming to a close very soon.

We then had two guest speakers come in to talk to the battalion about future opportunities. The first guest speaker was a representative from the fellowship advising office, who talked to us about fellowships, scholarships, and grants that are available to us. She personally had worked with ROTC students before, so she was able to impart great knowledge on us about what we can take advantage of. Despite the commitments that we all currently have and will have in the future, there are many opportunities available to us. The second guest speaker was MIDN 2/C Magness' father. He spoke to us about how his career in the FBI has developed, starting all the way back to when he was a young junior officer in the Marine Corps. The most important piece of wisdom I gained from him was perseverance – never give up. He never gave up on his dream to join the FBI, and eventually that dream saw the light of day. Never give up.

Last but not least, the Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball is on the schedule for this Friday. A night of food, drinks, and dancing is ahead of us, and lab ended with safety briefs about having fun while still being responsible.

MIDN 1/C Metz | 16 NOV



PQS Boards



As the semester begins to come to a close and the amount of work seems to continuously pile up, it quickly becomes time for the new 4/C to earn their stripes or battalion PT shirt. PQS Boards are a type of rite of passage into the battalion. From the first day of NSO to now, they have been studying everything from proper wear of the uniform to rank structures and the range of the Tomahawk to the weight of the M240 Browning. Anything in the infamous white binder is fair game and maybe a question or two asking what their favorite Top Gun quote was.



The purpose of the Personnel Qualification Boards are to prepare MIDN for boards that they will surely face in their future time in the Navy. With an added twist this year, the 4/C needed to receive at least an 80% to pass. This proved troublesome for many as only 60% passed on the first, however everyone passed their second time in the re-board. MIDN 4/C Lazenby made light of the situation when she said, "I enjoyed PQS boards so much that I made sure I got to go through them a second time."

MIDN 2/C Detrick | 2 NOV



Inspection

The lab began with a brief on active shooters given by Gunnery Sergeant. We began by visualizing what we would do if an active shooting had taken place in the student union. After this visualization we continued the brief where Gunnery Sergeant began to explain what would be the best course of action. First, in the event of an active shooter, you should try and run. Being aware of your surroundings and knowing a safe route out of the building that will not put you in harm's way is the best way to survive an active shooting. In the event that you cannot run, you should hide. When hiding you should do your best to remain unseen and as quiet as possible. This means trying to cover yourself or get out of any obvious lines of sight as quickly and quietly as possible. If neither of these options are possible you must resort to fight. This means that those people and yourself who are in danger must overwhelm the shooter by throwing anything you can find or disabling the shooter by any means necessary. The last note that Gunnery Sergeant made on the matter was that an active shooter is less likely to invade a position that is hard to get to. You should make the area you are located as difficult to access as possible, and most importantly never give up.



After the active shooter brief, both MIDN 4/C Perry and MIDN 1/C Jencyowski were recognized as MIDN of the Month for the month of November. Both of these MIDN showed great leadership throughout the month as the 4/C MIDN were gearing up for sea trials.

Next in lab MIDN 1/C Medlin gave a brief regarding academics and the close of the fall 2016 semester. MIDN Medlin passed down pertinent information about scheduling, meeting with your advisors, grade exclusions, and finishing strong. While informing midshipman about scheduling he emphasized getting things in writing from your advisors when you are scheduling courses and to plan for setbacks. Next he talked about not using your grade exclusions too early because there are many more difficult classes to come. Lastly, he made sure that everyone understood that finals can make or break your grades and it is a great time to really put in the most effort you possibly can.

After MIDN Medlin spoke, MIDN 1/C Newman briefed the battalion on what would be happening during sea trials. He went over basic rules for the facility and outlined the order of events.

To finish lab, MIDN 1/C Mills and MIDN 1/C Blinn gave a brief on Fall Ball. They quickly went over the history, pre ceremony events, etiquette, guest of honor, and the closing ceremony. All this information was to be described in more detail in an email and a shared power point.



MIDN 3/C Chaundy | 9 NOV

Veteran's Day Run

This Veteran's Day the Battalion formed up at 0545 with the other ROTC branches, NC State baseball team, and a number of veterans at the Bell Tower to run the Veteran's Day 5k. The run kicked off at 0600 and runners wove through the sleeping campus, kept in step by a variety of motivating cadences. The run looped back to the Bell Tower, and was formally concluded by a ceremony.

The ceremony included a color guard composed of cadets and midshipmen from each branch, the playing of taps, and speech by guest of honor Air Force Brigadier General Richard A. Coe. General Coe, Inspector General of the Headquarters of the Air Combat Command and NC State alum, shared with us his love and experience in serving this country. He expressed the sacrifice made by service members and the respect deserved by all veterans. The run and ceremony was an important time for the Wolfpack to reflect on the sacrifice of those who have gone before us and the shoes we have to fill.



MIDN 3/C Rice | 11 NOV



Fall Ball

On 18 Nov 2016 the Navy ROTC Piedmont Consortium put aside their school rivalries to come together and celebrate the 241st Navy and Marine Corps Birthdays. The celebration started with social hour at 1730 in the elegant setting of the Durham Convention Center in Durham, NC where MIDN were given the opportunity to present their dates to fellow shipmates and active duty. After a call to seats, the ceremony began.



The ceremony began with an introduction of the official party which consisted of Rear Admiral Herb and Captain Gillespie. Captain Gillespie then did the honor of cutting the cake and giving a slice to both the oldest and youngest sailor and marine in keeping with Navy and Marine Corps tradition. Next, those in attendance were reminded of the significance and symbolism surrounding the POW/MIA table.

Afterwards birthday messages were played from Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Richardson, and Commandant of the Marine Corp, General Neller, which concluded the ceremony and signaled the start of dinner.

The dinner was a superb buffet consisting of sliced marinated hangar steak, sautéed airline chicken breast, vegetarian lasagna, and grilled salmon with lemon and wine sauce. Once dinner was finished Captain Gillespie gave a moving speech detailing the trials of a Navy officer, noting that this would be his last speech as Commanding Officer in the Piedmont Consortium. He also thanked the MIDN in charge for pulling the event together, and concluded his speech by introducing Rear Admiral Herb. Rear Admiral Herb reminded the consortium of what it means to be an officer in the United States Navy by sharing her personal experiences in accordance with the four attributes of the CNO; integrity, accountability, initiative, and toughness.



The commissioning MIDN and Officer Candidates were then introduced along with their service assignment. The evening concluded with some wild dancing from both active duty and MIDN!

MIDN 3/C Ingram | 18 NOV

Commitment

The events of the MAD game for the battalion began with the Walk of Champions. All members of the Wolfpack battalion formed a path along with the Army and Air Force ROTC units through which the Wounded Warriors were escorted by various midshipman and cadets. Following this, the battalion moved to the Coca-Cola Tailgate. The midshipman were able to mingle with the Army and Air Force ROTCs and the Student Veterans Association while enjoying meals provided by Coca-Cola.

Six midshipman also participated in the Pre-Game Experience Tunnel through which the football team ran onto the field. Along with these midshipman, MIDN 1/C Jencyowski and MIDN 1/C Lockhart ran the US Navy and Marine Corps flags respectively onto the field ahead of the football team. Five additional midshipman acted as escorts for the Wounded Warriors and sat with them for the duration of the game. The remaining midshipman acted as spectators until their respective event muster times.

Another five midshipman completed push-ups during the second quarter of the game for every touchdown or point scored by the NC State football team. The next event the battalion participated in was the field size flag detail during half-time. Forty midshipman worked along with members of the Army and Air Force ROTC units and the Student Veteran's Association held the flag during half-time along with the playing of Amazing Grace. This was the final event of the evening, and midshipman were allowed to leave following half-time.

MIDN 3/C Hamilton | 5 NOV

The Change of Command lab was preceded by a battalion photo. The photo was taken in the newly renovated Reynolds Coliseum next to the Talley Student Union. Since the renovation, the ROTC branches have moved in and have settled in. After a series of photo's of the fall 2016 battalion, we moved over to the old Navy classroom located in Broughton Hall for the conduct of the Change of Command ceremony.

For this Change of Command, the ceremony was conducted in accordance with Navy tradition. As noted by CAPT Gillespie, the Change of Command ceremony at the end of the spring 2017 semester will done in accordance with the Marine Corps procedures. The ceremony began with the playing of the national anthem and shortly after, CAPT Gillespie addressed the battalion. He gave an overview of BATCOM Buschmann and her staff's accomplishments over the semester. After that, BATCOM Buschmann thanked the battalion for truly putting her three tenets into practice.

Before formally relinquishing her duty as BATCOM, MIDN Buschmann awarded Alpha 1 for their exceptional performance during the platoon competition. Through community service, academic success, military aptitude, and physical fitness, each member of Alpha 1 earned a reward of \$40 to Amazon. Following the awards, MIDN O'Neil assumed command of the battalion and ensured an exciting and productive semester ahead. In addition, the battalion welcomed in the new Executive Officer, MIDN Spaeth, and the new Sergeant Major, MIDN Brown. With the passing of leadership, I can confidently say the battalion will remain moving in a positive direction!

MIDN 3/C Blankenship | 30 NOV

Sea Trials

On 12 NOV 16 the NCSU 4/C Midshipmen participated in Sea Trials against the UNC and Duke 4/C. Duke ultimately came out as the victors. NCSU Squad 1 took second place and UNC claimed third.

The day began with the squads of midshipmen rotating between stations of drill, PQS questions, and LRC's. Though the LRC's were not counted towards the final scores they gave the fourth class an opportunity to think critically in hypothetical situations. There were two PQS stations. One allowed for the squads to work together to answer 13 PQS questions. The other consisted of upperclassmen asking individuals in the squads to answer questions without the help of their squad. The drill competition was based off of a drill card that the 4/C had been working on for the bulk of the semester. They were judged primarily on intensity and correctness. Upon the completion of the LRC's, PQS, and drill, it was time to move on the PT portion of the trials.



The 4/C were required to complete a mile run and each squad was responsible for carrying 3 ammo cans and 5 rifles on the run. After the run each individual in each squad was required to do 25 push ups and 10 burpees. Following that, the squads were to lift a log and run with it for 50 yards and complete 12 overhead presses with the log. Then they were required to run another 50 yards

and complete 25 crunches with the log. Each squad was also responsible for completing 60 fireteam situps. The final PT component was tug of war which seemed to be the most fun of all the events.

Despite the hard work and preparation that the fourth class put into Sea Trials, Duke still reigned victorious breaking NCSU's 2 year victory streak.

After the events had concluded and the victor was announced all who attended Sea Trials were able to enjoy pizza and hang out with their fellow midshipmen after a long morning of motivated 4/C going hard in the paint.



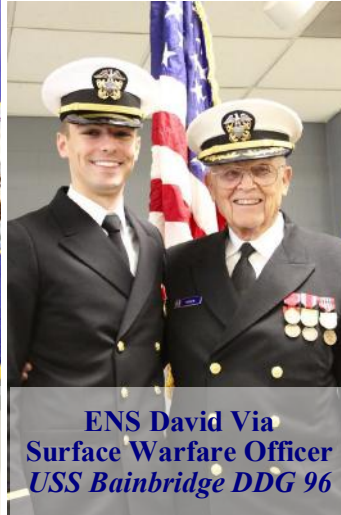
MIDN 4/C Kakaley | 12 NOV



Commissioning



ENS Christopher Caporali
Naval Aviator



ENS David Via
Surface Warfare Officer
USS Bainbridge DDG 96

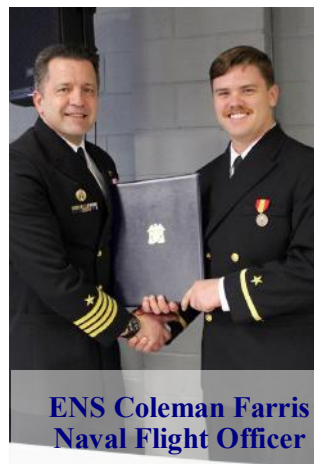


ENS Nicollette Alston
Surface Warfare Officer
USS Benfold DDG 65



At the end of the Fall 2016 semester, the NC State NROTC Battalion commissioned five Midshipmen First Class graduates on 15 DEC 2016. This ceremony marks the beginning of their service and commitment to our country. They take with them the lessons and experiences they have learned throughout their college careers here at NC State. They have all prepared themselves to take on this obligation and fulfill it to the best of their ability. Many proud family members attended the ceremony, and stood beside their excited graduates for this important moment in their lives.

MIDN 3/C McMellon | 15 DEC



ENS Coleman Farris
Naval Flight Officer



ENS Sean Murray
Naval Aviator

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

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