



NC State NROTC

INTRODUCTION: The Spring Semester was packed with memorable events. From ROTC Olympics to guest speakers and visitors. All of our midshipman continuously strive for excellence and achievement as they develop leadership and professionalism through lab and class.

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EDITION**

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MISSION:

To develop midshipmen mentally, morally, and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty and loyalty, and with the core values of honor, courage, and commitment in order to commission college graduates as Naval and Marine Corps officers.

CO's Intent

We saw our 4/C Midshipmen RISE to the challenge of being a Squad Leaders. Not only do these 4/C gain knowledge and skills in this role, but they also provide motivation to their individual squads.

"Leadership and Learning are Indispensable to Each Other."-President Kennedy

Adaptability



Team Oriented



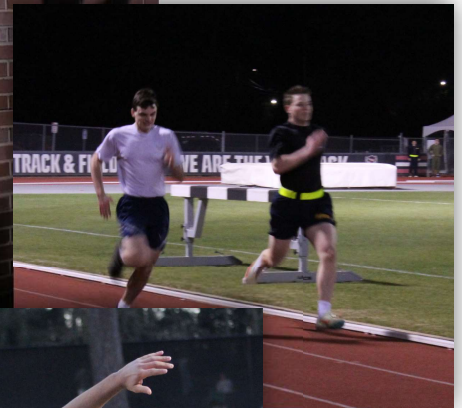
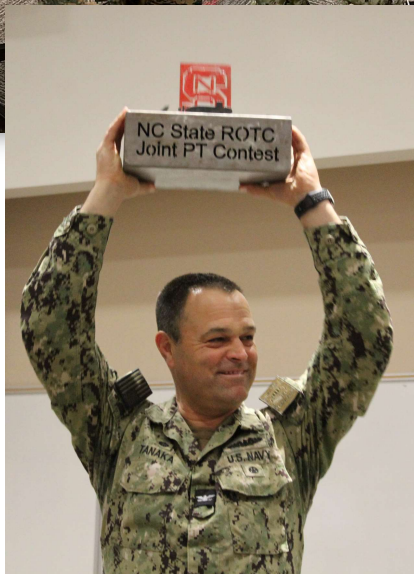
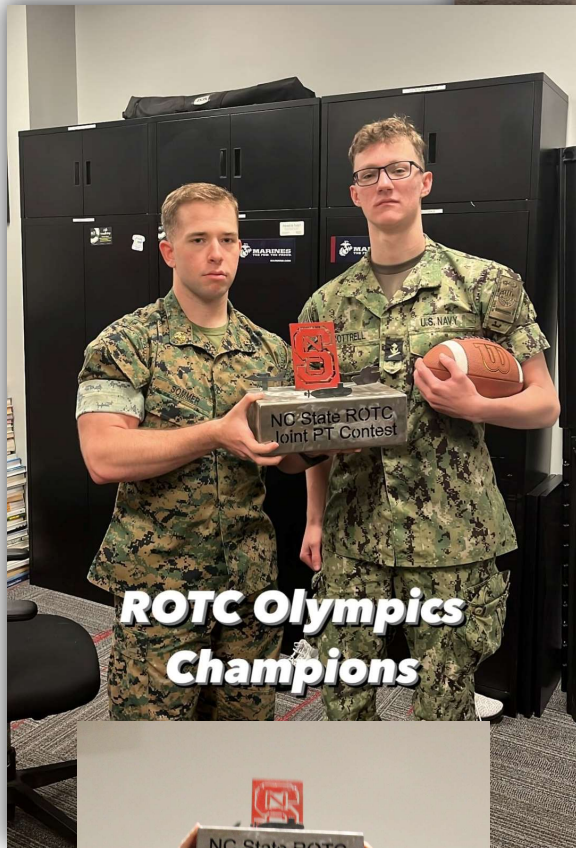
Everyone must be a team player throughout their military career, and the Battalion is no exception. Larger-scale objectives cannot be achieved within a reasonable timeframe without the support of others. During the semester, Midshipmen, OCs, and MECEP participants worked together to achieve success throughout all our leadership lab activities and physical training sessions.



Competitiveness

Healthy competition develops and refines almost any skill set. Thanks to our Physical Training Officer, MIDN 3/C H. Sommer, we had plenty of opportunities to strengthen our bodies and skills. A competitive spirit leads us to be the best that we can be. Some of the organized events we participated in this semester include:

- ROTC Olympics
- IM Sports
- Supply Runs
- Campus Scavenger Hunt
- Captain's Cup



Brain Brawl

Every year, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) units from around the country compete in a national brain brawl competition. In order to compete in their national level, JROTC competition teams must perform well in area level (also known as local and state) competitions. On January 27th, the Naval ROTC unit at North Carolina State had the honor of hosting one of these area level competitions.

Brain brawls are a jeopardy-like competition where contestants buzz in to answer various questions about naval science, pop culture, and many other topics. Each team consists of four Navy JROTC cadets, from NS1s (high school freshman) to NS4s (seniors). For the Area Six competition, consisting of schools in North and South Carolina, there were two main rounds of competition.

For the first half of the day, each team attempted to earn as many points as possible so that they could compete in the tournament style competition at the end of the day. Each question that a cadet answered correctly gave their team a chance to answer a bonus question, giving them an opportunity for more points and a better chance to play in the tournament. Ultimately, Pamlico County High School (Bayboro, NC) and Myrtle Beach High School (Myrtle Beach, SC) qualified to advance to the national competition at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida in April.

As the Naval ROTC Unit at North Carolina State hosted this event, the midshipmen of the Wolfpack Battalion had the opportunity to volunteer to run the competition earning over seventy hours of community service.

Midshipmen served in roles throughout the day including round moderators, score runners, and bonus question readers. They also had the opportunity to talk to students about being an ROTC student. "It was fulfilling to engage with students who might be interested in pursuing a military career, and it was good to be able to answer any questions that they have about the military or college!" said MIDN 2/C Clinedinst.

This was a great opportunity for high school students from the Carolinas to spend some time at our great university and see their hard work and studying pay off. It was also a great opportunity for our midshipmen to interact with students who may be interested in joining the military, pursuing a higher education, or both just like ROTC!



SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIDN 4/C BLADES & MIDN 4/C WILHELM

One of the biggest benefits of the Naval ROTC, other than preparing college students to be officers in the world's finest Navy, is that Midshipmen can earn scholarships that cover their entire tuition. While some students enter college with a four-year scholarship, others join ROTC without a scholarship as college program students. These college programmers participate in the same training evolutions and classes that the rest of the battalion does, and after their first year they can apply for a scholarship that covers their tuition for the rest of their time in college.

In special circumstances, scholarships can be awarded by the Commanding Officer during the school year. During this semester, Captain Tanaka, the CO of the Wolfpack battalion, awarded these scholarships to Midshipman 4/C Joaquin Blades and Midshipman 4/C Natalie Wilhelm. These Midshipmen went above and beyond last semester, achieving the highest academic, physical fitness, and overall aptitude scores out of their class.



Midshipman 4/C Blades is from Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, and he is currently a freshman majoring in Mechanical Engineering. When he joined ROTC, he hoped to improve himself by building his character, surrounding himself with high achievers, and increasing his global awareness. He says "[ROTC has] pushed me to achieve things I would not have thought I could ... by getting me further in academics, physical fitness, and everyday stuff." When he commissions, MIDN Blades hopes to give back to his nation and contribute to the greater good by joining the Submarine Warfare Community.

areas of life and serve with like-minded people." MIDN Wilhelm hopes to be either a Naval Flight Officer or a Surface Warfare Officer after she commissions.

Midshipman 4/C Wilhelm, from Morrisville, NC, is a freshman in NC State's Civil Engineering program. She joined ROTC because "I want to challenge myself in all



Bravo Zulu and good luck to these Midshipmen!





North Carolina State University's NROTC Wolfpack Battalion participated in the 50th Annual Mardi Gras Drill Meet held on February 9th, 2024. Hosted by Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, the event attracted 30 schools, including service academies, military colleges, and other ROTC units from across the country. NCSU, along with its Piedmont Consortium partners Duke and UNC Chapel Hill, demonstrated exceptional skill and discipline.

The Drill Meet consisted of multiple events: platoon, platoon inspection, squad, color guard and exhibition. The Wolfpack Battalion spent the last semester practicing before sunrise at least once a week to ensure they were prepared for the Drill Meet. Despite stiff competition, NCSU performed well and secured 6th place overall. The platoon team was exceptional and tied for 2nd place in their event. Other highlights being squad placing 6th in their event and the exhibition team receiving unanimous praise for completing their entire drill sequence without any verbal commands.

For Midshipmen 4/C O'Connor (Aerospace Engineering '27) "The drill meet at Tulane overall was a great experience. I was a part of the squad drill team which ended up doing very well in the competition. Seeing the extra practices the squad did and all of the hard work MIDN Miller put in as squad leader pay off, was wonderful. I greatly enjoyed being able to bond with the other MIDN as we explored New Orleans and gained this new experience".

Midshipmen 4/C Blades (Mechanical Engineering '27) felt the Drill Meet was a summation of "commitment, confidence, and spontaneity. For two semesters the sun rose to find us working on perfecting moves and bearing. Getting to the stadium with 2 semesters of early morning practices under my belt made me confident that the platoon had all the tools it needed to outperform the other schools. However, there were unscripted parts to the competition that required the ingenious spontaneity of every midshipman in the platoon. I felt proud to be someone whom my platoon could trust."

Other than the competition, the midshipmen enjoyed New Orleans' vibrant nightlife, experienced Mardi Gras, tried Cajun culinary delights, and even visited a Buc-ee's on their journey home. Their performance at the drill meet is an indication of NCSU emerging as a name to remember in upcoming drill meets and events. One thing that can be assured is that this will not be the last time you'll hear about NCSU's Wolfpack Battalion's achievements.

NCSU IM SPORTS	
Basketball	5-0
Football	4-1
Sand Volleyball	2-2 (currently in Playoffs)



MARINE OPTION SPOTLIGHT

On April 5, our Marine Option and MECEPs attended a Field Exercise III (FEXIII) at Parris Island, South Carolina.

This event is designed to mentally and physically challenge OCS bound midshipmen participants with the goal of setting them up for success for summer evaluations.

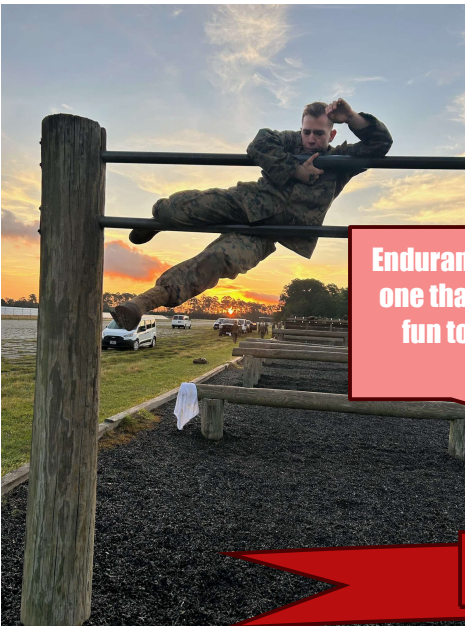
Friday: MIDN arrived and broke out into different platoons to go on Confidence Course, Repel Tower, and Obstacle Course. At dusk, they prepared for Night Land Navigation.

Saturday: MIDN had a 7-mile hike. After that, they performed Small Unit Leadership Exercise, Leaders Reaction Course, and Tactical Decision Games.

Sunday: Endurance Course before going home.

Highlight of FEX:

Endurance course feels like a big achievement afterwards! -MIDN 2/C Gray



Endurance Course was fun since it was one that we hadn't done before. It was fun to alternate from sand to mud.
-MIDN 3/C Sommer



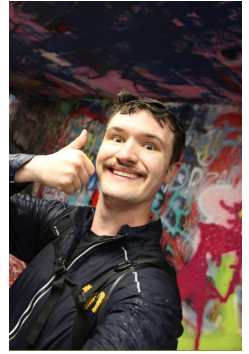
Fastest Female E-Course

Repel Tower since we don't get the chance to do it often.

-MIDN 3/C Reynolds



Semester in Naval History



NOT ALL INCLUSIVE

Jan 4, 1910-USS Michigan, the first U.S. dreadnought battleship, is commissioned.

Jan 17, 1955- 1100 Nautilus' first CO, Commander Wilkinson, signaled the memorable and historic message, "Underway on Nuclear Power."

Feb 12, 1947-The first launch of guided missile, the Loon, takes place on board USS Cusk (SS348).

Feb 20, 1962- LT. Colonel John Glenn, USMC, becomes the first American to orbit the Earth. Recovery is by USS Noa (DD-841).

Feb 28, 1893- The first true US Navy battleship, USS Indiana (BB1) launches.

Mar 2, 1973- Women begin pilot training to the US Navy

Mar 5, 1942-The "Seabees" name and insignia are officially authorized Rear Admiral Ben Moreell personally furnishes them with their official motto: Construimus, Batuimus- "We build, we fight."

Apr 9, 1959- The first 7 Mercury astronauts are selected, including 3 Naval aviators and one Marine Lt Commander: Lt Cmdr. Walter Schirra, Lt Malcom Carpenter, Lt. Col. John Glenn Jr, and Lt. Cmdr. Alan Shepard.

Commissioning Seniors

After several years of mental, physical, and academically challenging courses, the first-class Midshipmen at North Carolina State University are ready to commission into the Navy and Marine Corps. We wish these midshipmen good luck as they jump into their new communities and become Junior Officers.



- Maxwell Block-Nuclear Subs
 - Andy Fetch-Nuclear EDO
 - Hayley Lavoie- USMC Ground
- Kyle Gagliardi-Nuclear (Submarine)
- Tyler Gyuricsko-Surface Warfare Officer
- Madeline Johnson-Surface Warfare Officer
 - Trevor MacKay-Aviation Pilot
 - Zayne Perkins-Aviation Pilot
 - Nicholas Simon-USMC Ground
- Owen Somer-Nuclear (Submarine)
- Benjamin Teffeteller-Surface Warfare Officer (EDO)
 - Cate Westbrook-Aviation Pilot
- EMN1 Kellen Kloss-Nuclear (Submarine)
- ETN3 Vivian Gutierrez- Nuclear (Submarine)
- EMN3 Demian Gibson-Nuclear (Submarine)
 - GySgt Brian Mazza-USMC Ground



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