

NROTC Hi-Line

RPI

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Military Appreciation Hockey Game



The RPI men's hockey team welcomed veterans, active duty, and members of the ROTC units at RPI and Sienna College as a part of Military Appreciation Night on Friday, February 1, 2013, as the RPI Engineers took on the Harvard Crimson.

The crowd cheered as the Joint Service Color Guard presented the colors alongside the Joint Service Choir, who performed the national anthem.

All those in attendance enjoyed an exciting game as the Engineers shut out Harvard 3-0 at the Houston Field House. RPI got on the board late in the first period by a goal from freshman Mark Miller. Early in the second, Mike Zalewski scored a Sports Center worthy tally on the power play as he wrapped the puck around the Crimson netminder from his knees.

During the second intermission, a friendly competition was held between the various ROTC units on campus. Members of Air Force, Army, and Navy/Marine Corps units participated in a sledding joist race. One Cadet/Midshipmen stood in the sled, while the other pushed the sled towards center ice where they raced to impale a cardboard figure. Looking like a very poor rendition of George Washington crossing the Delaware, each team shuffled to their cardboard mannequins. The Air Force had a quick lead and was the first to strike the figure. In the midst of their excitement, they failed to create a hole in the cardboard. After all the teams had completed the course, Midshipmen Watson and Maloney were determined the victors. They made contact with the figure second but were the first to pierce the cardboard.

Early in the third period, Mark Miller put in another goal to cap off the game at 3-0. This was the sixth time in 88 meetings that RPI has shutout the Crimson.

The Military Appreciation game was a wonderful experience for community, service members, and their families.

Community Service



On a frosty Saturday morning, eleven volunteers woke up early to fulfill their commitment to the community. Dedicating their time to Habitat for Humanity, the eleven midshipmen traveled to the construction site next to the Southern Troy Tavern to build houses for the less fortunate living in Troy. The Midshipmen provided a variety of services which ranged from organizing tools to deconstruction, and of course construction. Midshipman Sullivan and brothers Kody and Kyle Priddle organized a shipping container filled of vinyl siding, front doors and other building supplies. Midshipmen Bennett, Yager and Kriley assembled numerous walls making effective use of the nail gun, while Midshipman Gregory measured and cut the boards used in those walls. After four hours at the build site, the NROTC RPI Midshipmen had prepared and assembled a total of five wall sections, creating the entire back wall of one of the housing units. Covered in sawdust and grit, the volunteers were able to look around the construction site with pride at the end of the day.



Joint Service Ball



It was a quiet evening in Cohoes, NY when a large group of cadets and midshipmen from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Union College, Siena College, University of Albany, College of Saint Rose, and Russell Sage College's NROTC, AROTC, and AFROTC descended on the town to celebrate the 62nd annual Joint Service Military Ball. The mood was joyous as everyone arrived at the venue for the cocktail hour. All in attendance were anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Guest of Honor Major General Harold J. Greene, a former cadet of AROTC at RPI. Upon his arrival, those in attendance slowly moved towards the dining hall for the Call to Mess. After the toasts, introductions, and posting of the colors the dinner was served. After the delicious dinner came to an end and desert was being served, General Greene was introduced.

The General then proceeded to start his speech, hoping for it to be a memorable one. He spoke about the only guest of honor speech he remembered, from the various balls and military events, was that of a Brigadier General. He spoke about the need to be passionate about things outside the military. Overall the General had wanted us, as future officers, to make sure that we devote aspects of our life to other things, not just the military or future jobs. On a lighter note he also mentioned how much he loved RPI hockey and something to the effect that the Navy is the best service.

Military Excellence Competition

Thirty seven midshipmen set out on Friday, April 5th to compete in the annual Villanova Military Excellence Competition in Villanova, Pennsylvania. Villanova is traditionally the largest MEC that NROTCURPI competes in and has ROTC units from all over the East Coast. The events ranged from platoon drill inspection, cross fit challenges, and combat stimulations. Many midshipmen competed in multiple events leading to a long and exhausting day. Midshipman 4/C Adams competed in squad and platoon drill, cross fit challenge, and captained the ISMIT team. The ISMIT uses actually weapons modified with intelligence to trace and score shooting results. The ISMIT system simulates jams and weapon failures to prepare for real war fighting. MIDN Adam's believed that "the MEC was a challenging yet thoroughly rewarding experience to compete with and against the best midshipmen America has to offer physically and mentally".

Military Excellence Competitions give midshipmen a great opportunity to show how hard they have been working and also where they stand amongst their peers. The amount of training and dedication that these midshipmen put into their events really sets them apart. The drill squads practiced diligently during the weeks prior while the athletic competitors trained to better themselves daily. The hard work paid off for the distance medley relay team of Midshipmen Williams, Ash, Rosa, and Vianale, who placed third overall. While the relay team was the only team to place, all the competitors put in an exceptional effort and are looking forward to next year.



Intramural Sports & Taylor Trophy

Taylor Trophy standings

Relay:

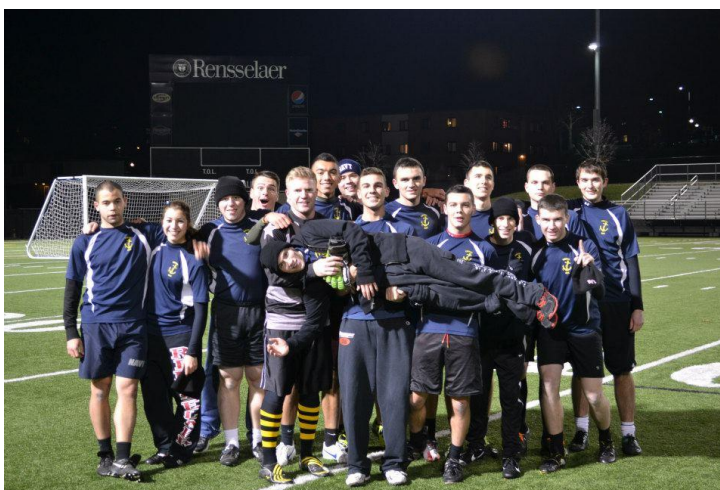
1st Army
2nd Navy
3rd AF

Flag Football:

Navy, 2 wins
Army, 1 win 1 loss
AF, 2 losses

Basketball

AF, 2 wins
Navy, 1 win 1 loss
Army, 2 losses



Intramural Records

5v5 basketball
2-4-0

Ice Hockey
1-3-0

Outdoor Soccer*
4-0-0

Dodgeball
1-5-0

Indoor Soccer
0-5-1

Ultimate Frisbee*
3-3-0

Wallyball
5-4-0

*Season still being played

Dining-In

Dining-In is arguably every Midshipman's favorite unit event. The evening is filled with light hearts, good moods and plenty of laughter.



The evening began with a cocktail hour where most of the Midshipmen socialized while others hurried to change out of uniform and into an obscure alteration or an comfortable substitute.

Once the doors closed within the banquet hall, the banter began amongst all parties. Captain Arensmeyer promptly initiated the teasing by poking fun at Mr. Vice (MIDN Tripodo) for not ringing the bell loud enough for him. Until the arrival of the meal, an array of points of order were made for other Midshipmen, and the odd requirements for reentry after shedding a tear kept everyone entertained.

After the meal, the smoking lamp was lit. The majority of the Ship's Company enjoyed a cigar; a few with pipes, and began another social hour. Another memorable portion of the evening was during the toasts. There were so many that there was not enough wine, or cider in our glass to accompany all them.

Then came the calls, "To the grog!" where a few were harassed for their fashion, height, or receding hair lines. With good taste, both officers and Midshipmen enjoyed the jests.

The evening concluded with the presentation of videos made by each class and a slideshow by the unit staff. Each video had a unique theme, from a rap, to a slideshow.

Dining-In was a wonderful evening full of laughter and joy. Although we spend four years of our lives in NROTC, nights like these will always be among our fondest memories.

