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New Student Orientation



This year's New Student Orientation ushered in a class of 24 motivated midshipmen. It took place on campus at the University of Memphis as opposed to Little Rock Air Force Base, the typical training environment of years past. Though this change presented challenges, the end result far outweighed any difficulties faced.

New Student Orientation kicked off early Saturday morning, already indoctrinating the new students to the military way of life by waking up before dawn on a Saturday morning. The Orientation staff awaited the new students at the University of Memphis NROTC Unit and helped assist those with baggage who were not coming home before the start of the school year. The command staff then introduced themselves and wished

the new students their best.

Sunday morning started off the daily routine of physical training under the direction of the student staff. After a refreshing run, students were allowed to attend religious services if they so desired. The afternoon started off with close order drill, which is designed to imbue discipline and teamwork among midshipmen so that they bond together as future comrades.

Throughout the week, the new students spent many hours in the classroom, covering subjects such as hazing, military customs and courtesies, drug and alcohol abuse, leadership discussions, and the importance of setting goals. The students' favorite classes, however, were the static weapons display at the Marine Corps Reserve Unit and sailing at Shelby Farms Park. Stu-



dents handled standard issue M16s, M9s, and M240s, among many others. Sailing was taught on campus, and the next day the new students sailed at Shelby Farms Park on Patriot Lake, followed up with a barbecue.

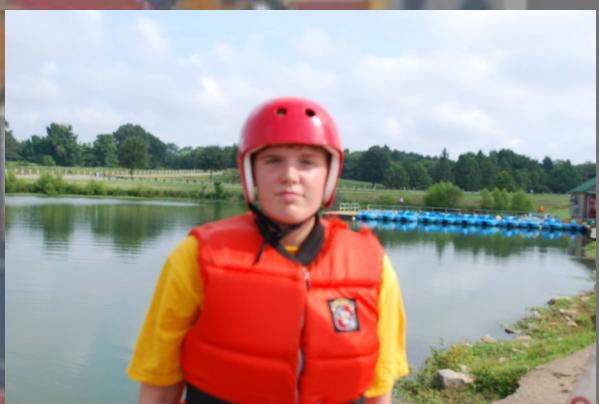
standing a uniform and drill inspection, the students were reunited with their parents.



New Student Orientation ended the following Saturday morning. Parents returned to a group of changed, disciplined individuals who were eager to start a career in the naval service. After

Very Respectfully,
Isaac Parrish
MIDN 2/C, USNR





Swim Qualifications



Sailing



Professor of Naval Science



Greetings to The University of Memphis NROTC and our family and friends! I am honored and humbled to have become the commanding officer of such a fantastic organization. From my first week aboard with Freshmen Orientation to the writing of this letter during fall semester finals, I have been incredibly impressed with the quality and dedication of both the staff and students in the unit and also with the incredible pace of activities and demands on everyone's time that goes into making NROTC Memphis one of the finest ROTC units in the nation.

As way of introduction, I've been in this great Navy of ours for twenty-seven years and am thrilled to cap my career with this tour where I can work with our nation's future leaders and do my small part

to help build them into successful Navy and Marine Corps Officers. I am a surface warfare officer by trade and, as such, have been in and around cruisers and destroyers most of my career. I have a wonderful wife and four children, and we've experienced many facets of the Navy life over my career. We've lived on both coasts, in-between, and overseas in London, UK and in Bahrain. Our oldest is in college, and our youngest is nearing the end of elementary school. So, I'm well-familiar with the trials and concerns of parents and the demands on our young college students today.

As I mentioned above, one of the strongest impressions I've taken away from my initial time on board is the quality of the staff our Navy and Marine Corps has sent to this unit and of our civilian personnel as well. Their day-to-day dedication to making this unit function is truly inspiring. I know the midshipmen see this, but I also want to assure our family and friends that your loved ones couldn't be in



better hands. Our intent is 100% to support these young men and women and do everything in our power to set them up for success. We know they are the future of our Naval Forces and want to give them every tool available to help them excel in college and our program and to commission as ensigns and second lieutenants in our Naval Forces.

I've also been impressed and inspired by the midshipmen, officer candidates, and sergeants that make up the unit. As you know so well, this is one of the toughest times ever to gain admission to the Naval ROTC program, and the quality of these young men and women that have made that cut is very evident. While they are very impressive academically and athletically, they are just as noteworthy in their dedication to the unit and their future as leaders of our military forces. The camaraderie in the unit is extremely high, and it is extremely comforting to know how much they support one another in school, in the unit, and socially. I am very proud of each and every one of them and look forward to seeing them commission in the future.

So, with such a great start to my tour here, I couldn't be more optimistic and excited for the future. Thank you for everything you do whether you are a student, parent, alumni, staff, or friend of NROTC Memphis.

Sincerely,
Bradley C. Mai
Captain, USN
Commanding Officer
NROTC, Mid-South Region

Executive Officer's Corner



As I reflect upon unit operations since the Spring 2013 newsletter, I see a productive and active period for the NROTC, Mid-South Consortium. We commissioned eight graduates representing all three universities of the consortium – The University of Memphis, The University of Mississippi, and Christian Brothers University. Seven commissioned as ensigns in the United States Navy and one commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

The newly commissioned officers bring a diversity of academic specialties to the Navy and Marine Corps team. They earned Bachelor Degrees in Biomedical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Geological Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Nursing, and Professional Studies. Each ensign has departed (or will be departing soon) to begin the next segment of a journey to become a qualified pilot, naval flight officer, submarine warfare officer, surface warfare officer, or certified nurse. The second lieutenant will report to The Basic School of the USMC, where his occupation-

al specialty will be assigned. Beyond the successful navigation of the academic requirements to earn their degrees, the eight have in common that each of them demonstrated the physical fitness, military aptitude, perseverance, teamwork, and ethical decision-making skills necessary for them to earn a commission. I wish them all the best; I am proud of each of them!

In addition to the culminating experiences of graduation and commissioning from their time aboard the NROTC Consortium for the officers above, all unit members were active throughout the summer and fall with education, training, and unit activities. Many of the units' midshipmen and staff members participated in summer training with Navy and Marine Corps units throughout the United States and at sea. Those summer "cruises" provided valuable experience to the students and facilitated connecting classroom lessons and on-campus training to real-life service in the Fleet. Returning to campuses in the fall, the staff and upperclassmen wel-



comed aboard approximately 50 freshmen into the units with Freshmen Orientations – they were held separately on the campuses of The University of Memphis and The University of Mississippi. Furthermore, each unit held a Sea Services Ball during the Fall 2013 semester to celebrate the birthdays of the Navy and Marine Corps. Significantly, four midshipmen participating in the NROTC program under the College Program were awarded side-load USN or USMC scholarships or advanced standing, securing their places on a path that leads to a commission in 2015 or 2016.

As is typical in military service, most assignments are on the order of two-three years in duration. As such, NROTC Mid-South bids "fair winds and following seas" to LT Michael Jacobs, USN, (at Memphis) as he departed for training en route to his department head tour aboard a Littoral Combat Ship in San Diego, CA. At the University of Mississippi, we bid a fond farewell to GySgt Stephen Roberts, USMC, who is now serving at the Marine Corps' Recruit Training Regiment, Parris Island, SC. The units were excited to welcome aboard LT Michael Mayeux, USN, and GySgt LaTravis Wilcox, USMC, as their respective reliefs.

As I look forward to the Spring 2014 semester and prepare for sending another 11 midshipmen into service in the Fleet and Fleet Marine Force as commissioned officers, I close with just a few simple words that applies to them, the midshipmen remaining aboard to continue their education and training, and, indeed, universally: "Performance matters – make smart decisions!"

**Steve J. Skretkowicz
Commander, USN
Executive Officer**

Marine Officer Instructor



The fall 2013 semester proved to me that the Navy and Marine Corps are getting sound officers through the NROTC program, and I'm proud to be the Marine Officer Instructor here at The University of Memphis.

Our midshipmen are extremely busy during the fall semester; whether they are getting accustomed to the rigors of college life, raising money for the Student Recreation Fund, hosting the Lance Corporal Creager 5k, celebrating the Navy and Marine Corps birthdays, and continuing to develop their bodies and minds into our nation's future warriors.

I continually emphasize the Commanding Officers' priorities and the three pillars which I believe are vital to our success: academics (our number one priority), physical fitness, and professional development. Our students have embraced these priorities and through their actions are building a strong foundation for the future of this unit.

Leading by example—is an important lesson for our midshipmen to learn; it will make them better leaders and their Sailors and Marines will do everything in their power to accomplish the mission. In addition, let's ensure that we, as leaders, take care of our Sailors and Marines. I believe that the staff here at The University of Memphis, lead by example and set the tone for our midshipmen to emulate our leadership styles. It is important to develop a leadership style from your experiences, through education, and from those individuals in which you would follow into combat. We are providing the midshipmen with the basic foundations to develop their leadership style, grow as a leader, and acquire the tools that will make them successful during their first

fleet tour.

I challenge the Midshipmen, Officer Candidates and MECEPs to continue building on what we have achieved during the fall semester and make this Naval ROTC unit even better.

I would like to thank the student company leadership for a job well done!

Fair winds and following seas to those who have graduated and received their commissions; I hope that what they have learned here at The University of Memphis Naval ROTC unit serves them well as they take on the challenges that a Naval Officer will encounter in the Fleet.

Semper Fidelis,
Tracy A. Perry
Major
Marine Officer Instructor
NROTC
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1/C & 2/C Advisor



Hello parents, friends, and Midshipmen of NROTC Mid-South Region, The University of Memphis. I am eager to tell you about all of the exciting things that we accomplished during the fall semester.

First, I want to congratulate the three students who graduated this past semester and earned their commission into the United States Navy. Of these three, one will be a Surface Warfare Officer, one will be a Submariner, and one will be a Naval Aviator. I am incredibly proud of them and wish each the best of luck!

The fall semester started off with a freshman orientation in which we received our newest class of midshipmen. Orientation for these young men and woman consisted of eight days of indoctrination into the customs and courtesies of the Navy and Marine Corps and also helped show what is expected of them in the coming weeks and months of the new semester. This is an extremely demanding program, and although some have dropped the NROTC pro-

gram due to the challenges of balancing it with academics, I am proud that many have decided to continue pursuing their commissions. As a result of their perseverance, our midshipmen have shown a marked improvement and an unquenchable drive to succeed. These are invaluable skills that they will utilize their entire lives. I am excited to see the continued progress they make this upcoming semester.

One of the most important things I emphasize to my students is to focus on academics. If a midshipman does not succeed academically, he or she cannot commission. Furthermore, performing well in academics opens doors to the many opportunities offered by the Navy and is an important factor for determining service assignment. Frankly stated, poor academic performance will close doors and lead to fewer options when senior year comes around. On this note, I would like to mention that I have the privilege of being in charge of service assignments for the Midshipmen when they become seniors. This is where I submit packages for

them to become a Submarine Officer, Surface Warfare Officer, Naval Aviator, Naval Flight Officer, Naval Special Warfare Officer, or Navy Nurse Officer.

Each Midshipman lists their desired career choices in order of preference, and several weeks later the determinations are revealed. All three of this semester's commissioned seniors received their first choice for service assignment and this can be directly traced back to their academics performance.

As we close out the spring semester, I urge all of our Midshipmen to continue to do their best in all aspects of this NROTC program. Remember, you will soon be the warfighting leaders of the strongest and most technologically-advanced Navy the world has ever seen. This requires excellence in academics, military performance, and physical fitness: areas that I am confident each Midshipman is capable of excelling in. I am privileged to play a large role in the development of our nation's future leaders, and I look forward to guiding each of you out to the fleet!

Very Respectfully,
Chris Whitley
Lieutenant
1/C & 2/C Advisor



3/C & 4/C Advisor



It is a pleasure to join this fine NROTC unit and become a member of the Tiger team.

Now that I've been a part of the University of Memphis NROTC unit these past few months and have had the privilege of seeing what our students can accomplish, let me quickly introduce myself. I am from De-Ridder, Louisiana and graduated from Louisiana State University. I earned my commission from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island in 2008. Upon graduation, I reported as the Electrical Officer onboard USS CHAFEE (DDG-90) stationed in Pearl Harbor, HI where I completed multiple Western Pacific deployments and qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer. In 2011 I reported aboard the newest guided-missile destroyer in the Navy, USS MICHAEL MURPHY (DDG-112), as the Fire Control Officer. As part of her pre-commissioning crew, I had the privilege of commissioning her in New York City in Oct 2012 before home porting in Pearl Harbor.

I have been extremely impressed with the determination and hard work that our midship-

men have displayed since last semester. It has been a pleasure to witness their enthusiasm and perseverance as they continuously approach and overcome each obstacle. At every level, all our students are beginning to understand just what it means to be a leader and exceed the standards and requirements laid out before them and continue to pave the way for the next arrival of potential Navy and Marine Corps Officers. Our staff continuously preaches the importance of academic excellence, the hallmark of success in our program. Through intense physical training and continued professional development, each student pushes themselves and their shipmates to reach their ultimate goal.

How far our current freshman class has come has struck me as the defining measure of how capable this unit truly is. From new student orientation to assuming greater leadership roles, each freshman (Fourth Class Midshipmen) has the opportunity to showcase their leadership qualities and prove that they belong in the world's finest military. While we have lost a few along the way, our current underclass midshipmen are enduring and are being molded into well-seasoned leaders. Their overall GPA last semester was a 3.19, and I expect them to challenge themselves and improve upon that this semester. While many of our freshmen and sophomores have accepted and are currently on scholarship, we have some who are doing their best to earn their scholarships. They continue to put forth the effort needed to remain competitive, and I look forward to swearing in as many naval reserve officers as possible this summer.

In addition to being the 3rd/4th class advisor, I am also the recruiting officer and have met with many interested students and families over the last several months. I appreciate their interest and look forward to receiving these prospective students on Navy or Marine Corp Scholarship or as a College Programmer challenging themselves to select for a scholarship in the near future.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Mayeux
Lieutenant
3/C & 4/C Advisor



The staff and students of The University of Memphis NROTC unit would like to thank Lieutenant Michael Jacobs for his dedication and support during his time as the 3/C and 4/C Advisor. Good luck in your future endeavors, you will be missed.

Assistant Marine Officer Instructor



There is no doubt that this semester presented many challenges to the young men and women of The University of Memphis NROTC unit. We started with a strong group of individuals committed to improving themselves and those around them. As a Marine Corps leader, I had to deal with Marines on a daily basis and I can say with full confidence that these midshipmen are very professional and know how to conduct themselves in a professional manner. As future leaders, they need to continue to develop their leadership style and lead by example.

Looking forward into the next semester, all midshipmen need to ask themselves, "How commit-

ted am I to accomplishing my goal to become an officer?" Commitment is the spirit of determination and dedication found in Sailors and Marines. It leads to the highest order of discipline for individuals and units. It is the ingredient that enables 24-hour a day dedication to Navy, Marine Corps, and country. It inspires the unrelenting determination to achieve a high standard of excellence in every endeavor. Along with commitment the midshipmen also have to be dedicated. They should not allow anything or anyone to get in the way of achieving their goal—to become a Navy or Marine Corps officer.

Semper Fidelis,
Quinton A. Shaw
Staff Sergeant / USMC
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CORTRAMID East

CORTRAMID is a summer training program for USN, and USMC Midshipmen after the freshman year of ROTC. The program introduces every major community of the Navy in just four weeks. The first week took place in Kings Bay, GA with various simulators on base. The training prepares the Midshipmen for the two days underway at sea toward the end of the week. The second week of CORTRAMID was aviation week in Norfolk, VA. Midshipmen are exposed to both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft through static tours, simulators, and flight time. The highlight of the week comes with acrobatic T-6 trainer flight. Some lucky Midshipmen are given stick time to fly the aircraft under the supervision of the pilot. The Midshipmen can expect to experience the feeling of pulling up to 4-5 G forces while performing numerous aerobatic maneuvers. The third week of CORTRAMID is Marine week and it is a completely different change of pace. The Marines turn up the intensity with a boot camp style approach to training in order to maximize performance of the midshipmen under pressure. Some of the many events are Marine week were: rappelling, live fire shooting, obstacle course, pugil sticks, Abrams tank tour, CH-53 helicopter ride, and close

quarter's combat training at MOUT town. The final week is Surface Warfare week. The Midshipmen in this phase went underway for four to five days on one of the Navy's surface ships. While underway, Midshipmen were assigned to a particular crew for the purpose of following them throughout their daily operations and training. Overall, CORTRAMID is a valuable tool for developing future Naval and Marine Corps Officers by exposing the Midshipmen to the Navy's major communities. In the future,



the CORTRAMID experience will help to aide midshipmen in understanding how the Navy and Marine Corps team fight in making their own future career choices.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel Gargis
MIDN 3/C, USNR

CORTRAMID East - Another Perspective

From 11JUL13 until 10AUG13 I was undergoing CORTRAMID East, CORTRAMID stands for Career Orientation and Training for Midshipmen. When I arrived at Naval Station Norfolk I had a gear check and was paired up with Charlie Company, who I would be spending the next month with. The time that we spend at CORTRAMID is broken up into four weeks: Subs, Aviation, Marines, and Surface. Charlie Company started off at Surface week on the USS Gunston Hall LSD-44 of the Whidbey Island-class. During my time aboard I spent a large amount of it speaking with the crew officer and enlisted, learning about their experiences in the Navy. I got to see helicopters going on and off the ship, and there were even Marine Amphibious Assault Vehicles that drove out to sea and boarded our ship for a day or two. After Surface week, I was flown down to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia, for Sub week. During Sub week I spent three days on the USS Tennessee SSBN-734 Ohio-class. In that time I got to help navigate a Sub, explore every inch of the engine room, speak with the Commanding and Executive Officers on multiple occasions, crawl in a torpedo tube, shoot off water slugs, and even drive the Submarine. After I got off the Submarine, I spent the last two days doing damage control trainers and submarine simulators, in one of them we took a 50 degree angle upward and I was standing on the door to the simulator. After Sub week I went back to Naval Station Norfolk and



began Aviation week. I enjoyed Aviation week, the two biggest highlights being the helicopter ride over the Norfolk area, and the best being the T-6 ride where I had stick time and was allowed to perform some air acrobatics. In between the two flights, I got to do simulators for nearly every aircraft the Navy has and also was given tours of F-18's and other squadrons in the area. Before Marine week started a couple of the companies got to enjoy a Saturday at Busch Gardens, which was an amazing time. The next day we were sent to Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC, for our last week of CORTRAMID. There we got to do the O Course, fight with pugil sticks, watch some MCMAP, get yelled at by drill instructors, repel down a 40 foot wall, see explosions, ride in AAV, ride in CH-53, go to a fake Afghanistan town and clear rooms, and lastly get to fire a multitude of weapons at a firing range. It was an awesome week that was go go go right from the start, something that would really draw one to the Marine Corps. This was my experience at CORTRAMID East 2013, and something that I will remember forever.

Very Respectfully,
Matthew Johnson
MIDN 3/C, USN



Mountain Warfare

This summer, two Midshipmen from the University of Memphis NROTC took part in a ten day exercise in Bridgeport, California known as Mountain Warfare Training Center. This event took place from 21-30 June. The first day began with a plane ride to Reno, Nevada followed by a bus ride to Bridgeport. Upon arrival, the nearly 250 Marine Options Midshipmen were shown their berthing to stow away gear. Training began the following day with periods of instruction about the upcoming events and safety. Immediately following breakfast on the third day, the Midshipmen and instructors embarked on a three-mile hike to another part of the base where they would bivouac for the night. At this site, the participants took part in training activities such as river crossing, rock climbing, and rappelling. On day four, everyone returned to Lower Base Camp for two days of safety and basic survival skills briefs.

With packs filled to the brim with equipment, the Midshipmen set out for a six-mile hike that would ascend nearly 3,000 feet to LZ Penguin on day six. Here, the young men and women had a chance to practice some of the survival skills they had learned earlier. Some practiced making survival shelters with natural materials while others worked on land navigation. After two nights in the field with temperatures dropping into the low 30s, the Midshipmen began the descent back to Lower Base Camp. Here, they were given rides in a CH-53 Sea Stallion. The final two days were spent cleaning the berthing and preparing for departure. After completing the training, the Midshipmen were better prepared to survive in a mountainous region.



Very Respectfully,
Parker Grace
MIDN 2/C, USMCR

This summer I went to the Mountain Warfare Training Center for my second class summer cruise. This year, it was run a bit differently than in years past. Our cruise was less laid back than in years past. It was done in a manner which was intended to prepare us more for OCS next year. Later in the week they told us that too many people were showing up to OCS unpre-



pared, so they made a change. The actual training consisted of tons of a plethora of safety briefs before we got to hit the field. Our first time in the field was at the LTA, Lower Training Area. We

spent two days and one night in the field. Our training consisted of mountain climbing, rappelling, rope skills, and mountain first aid and evacs. The second evolution in the field was three days and two nights. We had hiked to LZ

Penguin. It was roughly four miles all up hill. We got lucky and had excellent weather. It was 50 degrees, overcast, and lightly raining. The hike was still rough enough that three midshipmen from my platoon alone got the silver bullet. Once we made it up the mountain, we conducted training in land navigation and survival and had the opportunity to practice them out in the field on our own. After that training session, we hiked down to the lower base camp and had the opportunity to recover and have a couple hours of liberty before being shipped home. All in all, a very successful cruise.

Very Respectfully,
Nathan Sampson
MIDN 2/C, USMCR



Submarine Cruise



This summer, I traveled to the Naval Submarine Base in a Honolulu, Hawaii for my midshipman 1st class cruise. There I was able to experience a week underway on the USS HAWAII (SSN 776) with five other midshipmen. The USS HAWAII is a fast attack submarine of the Virginia class, which was commissioned on May 5th 2007. Aboard the USS HAWAII we were able to experience the life style and jobs of the enlisted men and officers during an underway on a submarine.

As a first class midshipman, I ate my meals in the wardroom and slept in the enlisted berthing. Also, I had a junior officer as my “running mate,” who stood watch in maneuvering and control room.

On the submarine, we were able to learn about the weapons systems, navigation systems, and the nuclear reactor by attending midshipman school of the boat. We were able to participate in fire drills, man overboard exercises, and listen to sonar. We were instructed to walk around and tour the USS HAWAII and learn as much as we could about the submarine and the life style of submarine officers and enlisted personnel. Some of the things we were able to experience were observing the process of unloading a torpedo, learning how the reactor compartment works, and how to track sub surface and surfaced contacts. Also we were able to experience different sea trials that the submarine performs while it goes underway some of these trials included test depth, periscope depth, and angles and dangles. Test depth is the maximum depth that a submarine may dive to during peace time. Periscope depth is the depth the submarine need to dive to be able to use their periscopes and angles and dangles is done to make sure everything is properly stored. We were also

able to learn wardroom etiquette and had a chance to meet and chat with the commanding officer. During our meeting with the Captain, we were able to talk to him about the future of the submarine community and advice he has for future submarine officers.

Overall, this cruise increased my desire and interest to want to be a part of the submarine community. There is a high sense of comradely between the crew and the officers on board a submarine. Also with being on a submarine you are able to experience many unique operations and missions in the Navy. The overall life style is stressful and demanding because you are required to learn about all aspects of a submarine and procedures onboard. I strongly recommend a submarine cruise for anyone who has the opportunity because it is a great experience and one of the hardest working communities in the Navy.

Very Respectfully,
James Zaken
MIDN 1/C, USNR



1/C Aviation Cruise

I am MIDN 1/C Flores and I went on a 1st Class Aviation Cruise between 22JUL13 and 09AUG13. I was attached to VFA-122 and the first week consisted of aviation physical and obtaining the proper qualifications at Aviation Survival Training School as well as the qualifications obtained through proper briefing and tour of the aircraft, cockpit, and ejection seat. The aviation physical took two days and obtaining the qualifications took another two days. Aviation Survival Training School consisted of briefing and training on: the flight suit equipment, survival radio, survival gear, rafts, parachute, what happens in the body which may cause confusion in the air, pre-flight time limitations on certain drugs and supplements, and procedures on detecting and controlling hy-

weeks were free for the midshipmen to schedule themselves. Flights were available at a first come first served principle and it was up to us to arrive at the squadron in the morning and look for empty back seats in the F-18's to ride in. We were also able to go to the flight simulator building and search for openings in their schedule so that we can have simulator time. I was able to obtain two flights with VFA-122, both flights were on F/A-18 F Super Hornet. The first flight consisted of practice bombing runs and was a more relaxed flight with only a few high-g maneuvers. The second flight was to teach a student aviator on proper dog fighting procedures and was a lot more physically demanding due to the constant strain of high-g maneuvers and I was also able to fly the aircraft for a couple of minutes. Weekends did not have flights available so the midshipmen took



poxia. The physical training portion of ASTC consisted of a decompression chamber to understand how to use the oxygen mask as well as experience symptoms of hypoxia and familiarize ourselves with them, and with a water survival test which consisted of demonstrating survival strokes in full flight gear as well as a dead man float followed by inflation of the life vest. The second and third

trips to the beach and to hike mountains. The cruise further fueled me to become a Naval Aviator.

Very Respectfully,
John Flores
MIDN 1/C, USNR



Motivational Bowling



Six weeks in Quantico, VA was the ultimate leadership test for Midshipman 1/C McAuley and me. We both attended Officer Candidates School (OCS) this summer to determine if we possess the mental, physical, and moral on leadership and whether or not Honolulu, Hawaii for my midshipman 1st class cruise. There I was able to experience a week underway on the USS HAWAII (SSN

and laughed together. We all had fun bowling, even if we were not partic-

ularly any good at it. This is the meaning of comradery in a nutshell. You can trust your fellow shipmates to have your back and not tear you down for being bad at something. The morale events this semester have shown that in any situation, your shipmates will ensure you are in a positive and reinforcing atmosphere. Fellow midshipman and commanding officers alike, have our best interests at heart, making this our second family. These morale events are all about boosting our comradery, and they work. We all get a chance to unwind and have fun together.

Very Respectfully,
Samantha Carpenter
MIDN 4/C, USNR



Mentor/Mentee Challenge



On 22 November 2013, we held a Mentor Mentee Challenge in the gym. The mentees were lower-classman midshipmen that were paired with mentor upperclassman midshipmen. The challenge consisted with five events that were timed. The top ten teams with the fastest times were awarded points. First place was ten points and the teams following went in order with decreasing point values, all the way down to tenth place with one point. Event one consisted with a wheel barrow race. The mentor held the mentee's legs across the gym, switched, then the mentee held the mentor's legs. That was repeated twice for a total of two trips down and back across the gym. The second event was an egg-in-spoon race. Participants had to travel with a spoon in their mouth, and a hard-boiled egg on that spoon. Mentors started with the egg and walked across the gym to their mentee where they transferred the egg to their mentee's spoon, who traveled across and back to their mentor. The mentee transferred the egg

and then the mentor had to walk it across one final time to finish the event. If the mentor dropped the egg, he or she had to start over from the start line, if the mentee dropped the egg, he or she had to start over from where he or she started. This event was repeated again, but instead of walking across the gym the mentors and mentees had to duck walk. Event three consisted of a three legged race. Mentors and mentees bound each other's legs together with a glow belt. They had to travel across the gym and back. Event four was a shoe scramble. Mentors and mentees had to remove their shoes and place into a pile across the gym from a starting area. Everyone had to look away as the pile was scrambled. Once the event started, mentees raced to the pile, found their mentor's shoes and returned them to the starting area. Then the mentor had to race to the pile to find their mentee's shoes and return them to the starting area. A pair was finished once the mentor had returned to the starting area and both mentor and mentee put back on his or her shoes and both the mentor and mentee are standing at the position of attention. The last event was an egg toss mentors had to line up side by side with their mentees about 5 feet away lined up directly across from them. Mentors then tossed the egg to their mentees who then tossed it back. After each successive throw, the whole back line of mentors took another step 5 feet away on the gym floor. The process was repeated until the last pair had not dropped their egg.

Very Respectfully,
Trey Wiese
MIDN 4/C, USNR

A Memphis Miracle

"I thought back to all the different organizations who were at the game, and I realized there was no one representing the Navy... I found this unacceptable," says MIDN 2/C Winters, recalling the 2012 University of Memphis Homecoming. He wondered how the members of Golf Company could best represent the NROTC program among the student body at the 2013 Homecoming game



and found inspiration longstanding tradition of the Naval Academy: have midshipmen arrive at the game en masse and in Service Dress Blues. MIDN 1/C Evans suggested a tailgate before the game to further boost morale, and the idea became a reality then and

there. At 12 PM on game day, the tailgating started. "Probably the barbecue," MIDN 4/C Taylor said when asked what the best part of the day was. But the football game had more fun and surprises in store for the NROTC midshipmen. High spirits quickly turned to fevered and hopeful excitement as the 2-6 Tigers stopped the 6-4 UT Martin Skyhawks in their tracks. The NROTC midshipmen cheered and shouted their encouragement through the entire game, willing their team to a 21-6 victory.

"Throughout the night people came up to us asking if we were in the Navy and thanking us for our service. We felt good representing the Navy while celebrating our school. We all agreed this was the only way to celebrate homecoming," said MIDN Winters of the entire event. It

was a fantastic opportunity for building morale, and the midshipmen are eagerly looking forward to doing it again.

Very Respectfully,
Abigail Dickson
MIDN 4/C, USNR



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Ultimate Frisbee

As a part of the Commander's Cup, the game of Ultimate Frisbee was played. This was a recent addition to the games, and one that was welcomed by many of the midshipmen. Our first match was to be against the army. Several morning PT (Physical Training) sessions were dedicated to be practices for ultimate; therefore, when the game rolled around, we were ready. The NROTC unit started out strong, and, throughout the game, was able to keep the lead. The final score came out to be seven Navy/Marine to the Army's five.

Our next match was against the Air Force. We trained for this in a similar manner; however, the game was scheduled at a very inopportune moment for many of the original starters from our Navy vs. Army match. Several had class conflicts and were unable to make it. Others had to leave



early so as not to be driving through the night. So unfortunately, we walked into the match missing almost half of our original team. We were able to hold our own for about the first 10 minutes before we hit a bump and went

down by almost three touchdowns by half. We were never able to recover from there. Too many small mistakes in our half were cause for several more Air Force touchdowns. Closer to the end of the game, some of our team was able to show up, and the last play of the game ended in a beautiful touchdown thrown by MIDN Wendel and caught by MIDN Bretschneider (one of the MIDN to come late). Unfortunately, it was not enough to put the Navy in the lead, but it was still a positive note to end on.

Very Respectfully,
Matthew Wendel
MIDN 2/C, USNR



Wine Under Wings



Wine Under Wings took place at the Wilson Air Center on 3 October 2013. This event was hosted by the Navy League where they awarded Navy League scholarships for the Fall 2013 semester. Midshipman 3/C Ryan and I were picked to receive the Navy League scholarships that evening. We arrived at the event early and entered through the sword arch that our unit provided for the event. While waiting for the program to start, we browsed through the silent auction items and aircraft that were spread throughout the hanger. After a while, everyone proceeded to begin eating and mingling with each other while they waited for the auction to end and the awards ceremony to start. During this time, Midshipman 3/C Ryan and I talked to various retired naval officers about what we were studying in college and what we wanted to do after we commissioned. A few hours passed before everyone was asked to be seated for the awards to be given out. The time came where



Midshipman 3/C Ryan and I were called up on stage to be awarded the Navy League scholarship for the Fall 2013 semester. We both felt honored to have received the scholarships that the Navy League provided us at the event. The Wine Under Wings event is how

the Navy League raises money so that they can award scholarships to midshipman. After attending this event, I have a better appreciation for what the Navy League does for midshipman across the nation.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Parker
MIDN 3/C, USNR



Sea Services Ball



Amidst the hustle and bustle of the day-to-day grind there comes a break that all NROTC (Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps) Midshipmen look forward to—the Naval Sea Services ball. This year the ball fell on October 18th and was planned under Midshipman 1/C Schmitz who was the OIC (Officer in Charge) for the event. The ball was held on the top floor of Clark Tower. In the same fashion as the 2012 Sea Services Ball, this year's event was held on the top floor of the Clark Tower with a scenic overview of the nighttime Memphis area.

As the ceremonies began,



a few traditions were performed: first the sword arch was formed in



the middle of the room, followed by the color guard. This was superseded by the National Anthem and the cutting of the cake. RADM (Rear Admiral) John D. Alexander was the guest of honor for the unit's Sea Service ball and was escorted in by Captain Bradley Mai, the Commanding Officer of the University of Memphis NROTC Unit. After a message from both the Chief of Naval Operation, Admiral Johnathan

Greenert, and Commandant of the Marine Corps, James Amos, RADM Alexander delivered an inspiring message. RADM Alexander spoke of his time in the Navy as an aviator and his experiences working through college at Texas Tech University. He related his experiences to us saying that our path is a difficult, but rewarding one; achieved only through hard work, goal-setting, and dedication. RADM Alexander's speech was followed by a thunderous round of applause.

Later in the night, after the food was eaten and the cake was cut, the dancing began. Starting off with a few well-known line dances, the DJ got the dancing going. After a while the tempo changed to a few slower dances, ending finally with some upbeat

tempos.

By the end of the night, a great time had been had by all. From the formal setting, to the guest of honor and the dancing, everything went without a hitch. Everyone left that night, eager at the thought of what next year's celebration might bring.

Very Respectfully,
Adam Taylor
MIDN 4/C, USNR

NROTC Flag Football

It was a new year for a new team. The Navy ROTC flag football team was ready to take on the Air Force ROTC in their first flag football game of the season. The game was highly anticipated by both teams. A win would not only result in bragging rights, but improvement in the Commander's Cup standings as well. The Navy

offensive and defensive sides of the ball. Improvement was seen in a wide range of areas. Positions were filled and assignments were final. The Navy ROTC flag football team was ready to take on the Air Force ROTC. As soon as game day rolled around, the tension could be felt in the air. The Navy ROTC Midshipmen knew what it would



side had been preparing for this game for several weeks. Practices were held that consisted of route running practice and the implementation of plays on both the

take to beat the Air Force Cadets. The Air Force was a well rounded team. They had good plays, speed, and understanding of the game. The Midshipmen knew it wouldn't



be easy. When game time rolled around, the Navy and Air force were ready to take the field. The Navy had the ball first and knew what they were going to do. After a few miscommunications, the Navy midshipmen began to complete passes and found the formula for moving the ball downfield. As a result, the midshipmen scored on the first drive of the game on a touchdown reception by Midshipman 3rd Class Matt Johnson. It was time to see what Navy's defense had. The Air Force scored on their first play on offense. After the first drive, the Navy struggled to find their groove. Unfortunately, this continued throughout the remainder of the game. The Air Force defended the Navy's very well. They had good matchups and coverage. They also continued to move the ball down the field and score. As the game neared its end, Navy began to move the ball very well. The Navy began to read the defense and find holes. As a result, the scored on touchdown reception by Midshipman 4th Class Samuel Lootens late in the game. At this point, it was too late. The Air Force Cadets edged a 42-14 victory over the Navy Midshipmen. The Navy Midshipmen will take on the Army Cadets on 22 NOV 13 in continuation of the Commander's Cup series.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel Lootens
MIDN 4/C, USNR

Captain Walker, US Coast Guard

For Tuesday's Naval Leadership Lab on 16 September 2013, the Unit was pleasantly surprised with a guest speaker. CAPT Walker, United States Coast Guard. Captain Walker served alongside the Unit's commanding officer, Captain Bradley C. Mai., in various campaigns around the world. He shed an interesting light on the Coast Guard's operations domestically as well as abroad in the recent years. Captain Walker currently serves as Commander, Coast Guard Sector Mobile. He has logged more than 25 years of commissioned service, serving alongside naval fleets and international fleets alike.

For a personal impression, I enjoyed what Captain Walker had to say. His remarks were very enlightening to someone like me who knew little of the Coast Guard's function, other than border and drug enforcement on the high seas. The Coast Guard serves a vital role to protecting nation's ports, emphasizing how important protection of the shipping industry



is in the United States.

Captain Walker touched on the history of the Coast Guard so



that we midshipmen could best understand its history. The Coast

Guard was created by Alexander Hamilton, who saw it fit for the nation to build a fleet of ten "cutter" ships to protect the nation's newly-established oceanic trade system and to enforce tariffs as a source of reve-

nue. The Coast Guard was thus designated a part of the Department of the Treasury. Since then, it has also been a part of the Department of Transportation (by order of President Lyndon Johnson) and the Department of Homeland of Security (by order

of President George W. Bush in the wake of the September 11th attacks). This gave the Coast Guard more of a military power projection versus its traditional role of protecting commerce and tariffs.

Captain Walker emphasized the Coast Guard's use as a law enforcement tool. Where as the Navy cannot constitutionally enforce laws on home soil, the coast guard can accompany and be the ones to enforce such laws that deal with commerce travel, waterway security, drug and weapons smuggling, and environmental protection. It was made clear that the bonds of the Navy and Coast Guard are very close and that it is important to know what the other does and how to efficiently operate with each other to better complete upcoming missions. Captain Walker's presentation was sure to be one that the Midshipmen at The University of Memphis would not forget soon.

Very Respectfully,
Canton Phillips
MIDN 2/C, USNR



Veterans Day

This Veterans day, all four branches of the University of Memphis' ROTC program participated in a motivational run around campus. This PT was one of the most motivating events I have ever taken part of as an ROTC Midshipman.

As we ran around the school in formation, each branch would be shouting out cadences. To see this many of our countries future leaders all in the same place at the same time, all cooperating to remember our brothers and sisters that have come before us, and to honor those who will come after we are long gone, was an awe inspiring sight.

I could see the faces of everyone we passed along the way, and they seemed just as impressed as I was at the sight of us. It is immediately apparent that people appreciate what we do, from the look on their faces, that thankful smile that all of us have seen at one time or another. For many of us, it's strange for us to have complete strangers come up to us and thank us for what we do. When this happens, I



remember what one of the upper class Midshipman said to us. "They are not thanking the tape with your name on it, they are thanking the tape with US NAVY on it."

About halfway into the run, something dawned on me. None of us were out there for personal pride and glory, we were out there for the Midshipman or Cadet next to us, and to serve our nation with all our hearts. This made every word of each cadence resound through every nerve and chord throughout my body and I wanted to go faster and do more and more for my comrades.

As if to top this momentous occasion off, we ended the run with an amazing, motivating speech from the Army's Commanding Officer. This run made me truly proud to call myself a Midshipman.

The Moto Run was a great start to a day of remembrance and service to our fellow countrymen. I may have not been born in the United States, but I consider myself American, and I would do anything to protect the Nation that I love so dearly, and the moto run served to reinforce that idea. Hooyah.

Very Respectfully,
Christopher Mayenknecht
MIDN 4/C, USNR



Ridiculous Obstacle Course Race



The Marine Officer Instructor and six midshipmen from the University of Memphis NROTC Unit participated in this year's Ridiculous Obstacle Course which took place on Saturday, September 21, 2013 in Nashville, TN. After a very early departure from Memphis and a three-hour drive, they arrived at the Nashville Fairgrounds to a chilly morning and light drizzle around 0800. The rain did not dampen anyone's spirits though, and after check in and two and a half hours of electric anticipation, they began the race at 1045. The course was a 5K (equal to about 3.2 miles) that included various obstacles that failed to slow the progress of the motivated athletes. The individuals ran the race all together, dedicating the

day to an advancement of unit cohesion and morale, and the participants had a blast representing the Navy and Marine Corps. The obstacles included the Concre-Stadores, Foam of Fury, Wrecking Ball, Tire Mile, World's Largest Moon Bounce, Tight Rope Traverse, Tarzan Swing, Gorilla Bars, Belly Flop Drop, and Get It Up and Over. By the time the element reached the final obstacle, the World's Largest Wa-



the Wrecking Ball, an obstacle that included a rolling log run over water and massive, swinging red balls of doom, to the Tarzan Swing, a rope swing set over a pit of mud). However, the decision to come back for next year's race was unanimous. Therefore, on account of the enthusiasm of those who participated and the curiosity of the rest of the unit's personnel, the Marine Officer Instructor, Major Tracy Perry, has already made an announcement stating that the entire unit will be participating in the



ter Slide, they were covered in mud and sweat and full of an adrenaline rush triggered by the day's prior amusing events. They ended on an enormous high, and the sun came out just in time to shine on the individuals as they paused to pose for pictures at the Finish Line and then again in the Foam Pit.

When questioned about their experience, no one could agree on a favorite obstacle (the answers ranged from



event next year.

Very Respectfully,
Kimberlee Cooper
MIDN 4/C, USMCR



LCpl Tim Creager Memorial 5K



On Saturday November 16, 2013 the University of Memphis Naval ROTC unit hosted the Lance Corporal Creager 5k. This race is in memory of Lance Corporal Tim Creager. He was from Millington Tennessee and was both the image of bravery and the spirit of freedom. He received a full-tuition scholarship to The Citadel, but decided not to take it as he had felt a call to enlist. Having excelled in basic training, he was selected for Light Armored Vehicle School, where he was trained as a driver. After training, Lance Corporal Creager was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion at Camp Lejeune. On July 1, 2004 an improvised explosive device in the median near Abu Ghraib hit Lance Corporal Creager's vehicle while on patrol, and he was trapped inside. And because of him we organize this race to honor a fallen hero.



It was a huge success. The unit was responsible for coming up with the funds and resources for the race. A portion of the proceeds of the race was donated to the Wounded Warrior Regiment and the other portion was to benefit the professional development of the



Midshipmen from The University of Memphis and Christian Brothers University. Once the runners had arrived they had time to register

and stretch before the run started. After the national anthem the runners were off. Not only were the midshipmen working the race but the marine platoon ran the race as well. As each participant crossed the finish line midshipmen were there cheering the runners on. As people waited for results, they had the option

to compete in the pull-up competition and/or bid in the silent auction for various items. When the race was completely over everyone got the opportunity to meet two Marines that worked with Lance Corporal Creager and his mother. Next we announced the winners of the silent auction and door prizes. After that the time had come to announce the winners for each category.

Very Respectfully,
James Coronado
MIDN 4/C, USNR

Super Squad Competition

Some of the squads were practicing outside right before the drill meet, while others were inspecting their squads' uniforms. They were also doing mock inspections for no one knew who would be inspected. A few of the midshipmen were reviewing their knowledge with their fellow midshipmen. When it was time for super squad, the first squad marched onto the field. One squad was being inspected and the other squad was watching the individuals on the field. The squad leader said his introduction and the com-



petition began. It was obvious that a few of the midshipmen in that squad were nervous; they were hesitant when they carried out their squad leader's commands. There were some obvious mistakes. Another squad went out onto the field, and performed. This squad's perfor-



mance was equivalent to the squad before them. The final squad performed. They walked out onto the field confidently with their shoulders back and their faces looking straight ahead. It was evident this squad had practiced several times before the super squad competition. The squad leader spoke his commands with assurance. They



bearing even when they made mistakes. This squad was quickly able to make necessary adjustments on the field. The squads watching them watched

them in disbelief. Even the midshipmen who were known not to be the best at drill performed well. It ended with them performing column of twos and inspections arms all on one accord. The squad was dismissed, and they walked to their respective places with poise.

Very Respectfully,
Isabella Gray
MIDN 3/C, USNR



Midshipman of the Semester



Midshipman 4/C: Justin Bresee

Hometown: Memphis, TN

Major: Anthropology

GPA:

PFT: 227

Desired MOS: Aviation



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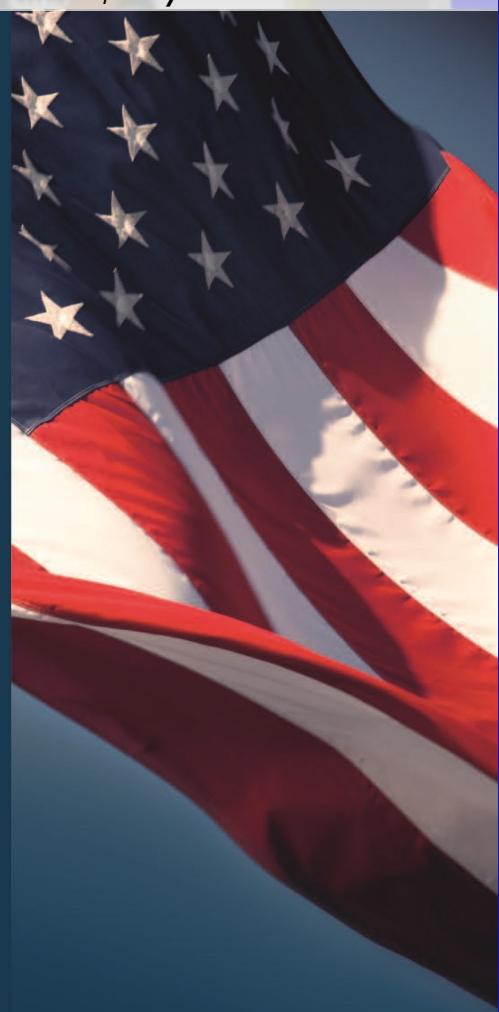
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I would first like to say that I feel extremely privileged to have been able to lead Golf Company as Company Commander. During my first four years with the unit, progressing through various leadership positions, I often wondered what it would be like to be the Company CO. For the Fall 2013 semester, I was given this rewarding opportunity and I am grateful for the experience. Holding this prestigious billet taught me additional concepts about leadership that I hadn't acquired during earlier leadership roles. These recent lessons learned were the importance of accountability, mission accomplishment, and the maximization of every opportunity.

The point of accountability can be somewhat tied into that of mission accomplishment. A good



Student Company Commander

leader strives to keep his subordinates' morale high; however, sometimes this pursuit of high morale can be detrimental to completing tasks. An example of this is a leader continually extending deadlines to those in his charge. Complacency and poor quality work are produced when leadership fails to hold subordinates accountable. Tasking one's subordinates to meet targeted deadlines assures that the mission objectives are consistently achieved with timeliness and quality, even in the leader's absence.

One of the most significant lessons I have learned, however, is to maximize every opportunity that presents itself. Often, the responsibility of leadership or duty is considered to be a burden. I feel that this is not the right mindset to take. While such new responsibility may be a challenge, it should also be viewed as a way to improve oneself. Occasionally leaders will feel as though their position is what they have been working towards, and that all they have to do is maintain the status quo. Even if someone is thirty years into a successful career, I would say that they should still be striving toward self-improvement. Every situation will have obstacles, and it is how a person works to overcome these obstacles that defines who they are. Taking extra care in ones responsibilities not only helps improve one's leadership, but it also

makes the job more rewarding. Instead of just going through the motions, someone fully invested in their task will learn from their own positive and negative experiences as well as from those around them.

I would like to thank the staff and my fellow students, each of whom have helped me to become a better leader by their daily



counsel and by exhibiting Honor, Courage, and Commitment through their personal behaviors and actions. I know that I am leaving the unit in exceptionally capable hands as successive students carry on our fine tradition of developing and improving their leadership skills, and striving to become the best that they can be. I wish the best of luck to every member of Golf Company as you continue on towards your commissions. Keep up your outstanding work!

Very Respectfully,
Andrew S. Herron
MIDN 1/C, USNR

Hail and Farewell



On 3 December 2013, The University of Memphis Naval ROTC Fall 2013 Hail and Farewell ceremony took place, and it was one of many successful events that we have hosted for our Midshipmen and Staff. A hail and farewell is a Navy and Marine Corps traditional event where we honor those who have are about to depart, and welcome those who recently joined the unit. This celebration builds organizational camaraderie and esprit de corps. This semester's Hail and Farewell was held at

Central BBQ. We started off the event with the "hailing and fare welling" of Midshipmen. This included a number of elimination games, the last standing would win the Hail and Farewell games and earn a fifty dollar gift card; this semester's winner was Midshipman 1/C Morrissey. They also used this time to announce the mentor-mentee competition winners; MIDN 3/C Johnson and MIDN 4/C Lootens. Midshipman 3/C Johnson also won a \$50 gift certificate to Sports Authority for

having the highest PRT/PFT scores for the third semester in a row.

Following the games, it's a tradition in our unit for those departing to leave behind words of wisdom. This is also the time where the Midshipman of the Semester is announced and receives their award presented



by the Marine Officer Instructor. Midshipman 4/C Breese was the recipient of this award for his overall outstanding performance for the fall 2013 semester. In closing the event was wrapped up with warm welcomes and fair winds and following seas.

Very Respectfully,
Kristy Levin
MIDN 4/C, USNR



Fall 2013 Graduates

Ensign

Presley D. Morrissey

The University of Memphis
Bachelor of Professional Studies
with a Concentration in Mathematics
and Naval Science

First Assignment -
USS Benfold, DDG 65
San Diego, California



"You can have all the facts and figures, all the supporting evidence, all the endorsement that you want, but if you don't command trust, you won't get anywhere."

Naill Fitzgerald

Ensign

Andrew S. Herron

The University of Memphis
Bachelor of Science in Electrical
Engineering
First Assignment -
Flight School
Pensacola, Florida



"In order to do something you must be something."

VADM James Stockdale



Alumni Interest Group

The Alumni Interest Group (AIG) is new to The University of Memphis Naval ROTC unit. The AIG is looking for alumni who are interested in reconnecting with former classmates, helping to mentor current Midshipmen, financially supporting unit events, or providing their experience since receiving their commission. The AIG hopes to bring these individuals together in order to form a bond that will extend well after their years serving in the military have ended.

At the beginning of the semester the AIG began gathering contact information for all Navy and Marine Corps officers who graduated or commissioned from The University of Memphis and Christian Brothers University. The AIG is excited to continue with the next step of connecting with all of the shipmates from the past.

An AIG kick-off event is being looked at for the upcoming spring semester, with hopes of having numerous University of Memphis Naval ROTC alumni in attendance.

For more information on the AIG, please contact Major Tracy Perry at taperry2@memphis.edu.

Mission: The AIG's mission is to promote the fellowship and welfare of The University of Memphis and Christian Brothers University Naval ROTC alumni and current Naval ROTC students by providing transition assistance, mentor-

ing, financial assistance, social events to all members, and to enhance the visibility of the United States Navy and Marine Corps team and its contributions to the United States.

Transition Assistance: Provide a network to link members together as they leave The University of Memphis and Christian Brothers University to their first assignment, move between duty stations, exit the Naval Service, transfer from the active to reserve component, seek civilian employment, or choose to relocate.

Mentoring: Offer professional and personal insight to members by remaining available to Midshipmen or newly commissioned officers seeking information on various career paths, serving as a non-command representative to current military members wanting guidance, or advising members on available military and civilian career opportunities.

Financial Assistance: Generate revenue to benefit the AIG and Naval ROTC unit by contributing to scholarship funds or endowment accounts, assisting students with fundraising endeavors, attending alumni or student run fundraising events, or sponsoring awards and scholarships.

Social Events: Connect with The University of Memphis and Christian Brothers University Naval ROTC Alumni and current students by attending

or sponsoring social events such as tailgates, football games, and reunion weekends and participating in Navy and Marine Corps traditional celebrations and events.

Liaison: Maintain a professional relationship with the Professor of Naval Science and the assigned support staff.

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Naval Leadership Weekend
Date TBD



Mardi Gras Drill Meet
28 February



5K for Freedom
Date TBD



Beale Street Drill Meet
11 April—12 April



Alumni Weekend
Date TBD



Spring Commissioning Ceremony—09 May
Spring Commencement Ceremony—10 May

