

# TACKLE-IT TUESDAY

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## Is there any way to reverse the decision of securing liberty for 1/C on service assignment night? Have the Firsties not proven themselves responsible during weekday liberty?

I'm not sure where the idea of "we can earn enough trust to be granted this" came from. This was never a proposition put forward by midshipmen or staff leadership. I have also heard many opinions that "restrictions" in general lead to "outbursts" down the road (when it comes to alcohol). I will tell you that research shows otherwise. There are lots of studies (I have not read them all, but I speak with several specialists that deal with drinking habits and behaviors of college-aged students, and I trust them) that show that if alcohol and "freedom" is made "more available," more incidents occur, plain and simple. There could be an argument about the shift from USNA to home and

USNA to the fleet (when you won't have the same restrictions you have here), but that is not the case with Service Assignment Night. You can go out in Annapolis the next night, but Thursday night will be here. As for tradition, it's the same as last year, so from our perspective, "on the Yard" for Service Assignment is a tradition. When it comes to "tradition" at USNA, it all depends on your time capture, and we have lots of pendulums here...

- CAPT Forman, *Deputy Commandant*

## Why is reg rover necessary?

RSRs are responsible for maintaining or augmenting security within Bancroft Hall during evening hours. They should be mindful of suspicious activity, and monitor for safety concerns within Bancroft Hall. The two pairs are to provide an extra set of eyes and backup, should it be necessary. I know it seems silly to think of rovers as protecting Bancroft, but that's the purpose of the watch. The rovers are essentially the first mids who should challenge any suspicious

strangers at night. Last year, an unidentified individual had to be removed from Lejeune during a swim class, so while rare, it does happen.

- MIDN LT Abby Null, *Brigade Adjutant*

### **Can there be more places to study outside such as in Smoke Park?**

Yes! Thanks to a similar question posted on Junto at the beginning of the semester that received a large number of upvotes, we were able to make this happen given that there was clear interest from the Brigade. The Supply Team has picked out benches for ordering that will be placed in Smoke Park. Please continue to provide suggestions like this one, so we can work to make these improvements throughout the yard!

- MIDN 2/C June Jordet, *2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Sergeant Major*

### **Would it be possible for companies to have communal printers where they purchase and maintain their own printers rather than every mid getting issued a printer that rarely lasts all four years?**

We brought up this with ITSD, and we held a Brigade wide survey to gauge interest. Bottom line was there wasn't enough of a majority to really push anything through, unfortunately. If the tide of the Brigade changes, we can talk to them again. However, if you would like to set up something funded and managed by your own company, there shouldn't be an issue. You will still get issued printers each year, though.

- MIDN LT Kyras Fort, *Brigade MISLO*

### **When is the winter reform date?**

Ah, yes. This will be the last time the great class of 2023 experiences reform briefs. *Bless*. For 2023+1, 2023+2, and 2023+3, your time will come soon enough.

The return of the Brigade is officially set for 06Jan2022 at 2000. For those who may need to return for an academic board, major change, etc., your return date is 04Jan2022. You will be contacted specifically if you need to return on the earlier date.

- MIDN CDR Tim Maciejewski, *2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Commander*

**Have Brigade feedback you'd like to share? Join Junto! Make an account [here](#)!**

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## 247<sup>th</sup> USMC Birthday



“70 years ago, Army Major General Frank E. Lowe was quoted as saying, "The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight." That testimonial rings as true now as it did then, and will remain so tomorrow. As we celebrate the 247th anniversary of our Corps' founding, we reflect on nearly two and a half centuries of exceptional prowess, while also taking

objective stock of where we are today and how we will prepare for future battlefields.

Our birthday provides us a chance to focus on the one thing common to our success in the past, present, and future: the individual Marine. Victories are not won because of technology or equipment, but because of our Marines.”

- General David H. Berger, *Commandant of the Marine Corps*

Even those who swore off the Marine Corps as a possibility for service selection will feel motivated by this [video](#). I promise. Rah.

## Beat Notre Dame!

The Navy Midshipmen will pit against the Lucky Irish this Saturday afternoon at Camden Yards in Baltimore. Bussers, be boarded by 0700. POvers, be mustered in Camden Yards by 0850, and formulate a parking COA before arrival. Bring your spirit to propel us into the endzone, possibly your parkas if the sky decides to let out some rain, and rejoice for food vouchers will buy us a scrumptious yet unreasonably priced stadium meal.

## The Ultimate Star Match: Sprint Football Championship vs. Army

I bet you thought that Army wouldn't want to come back for round two after Sprint football left 'em in the dust in September with a score of 27-13. But they're gutsy—and they're back. This Sunday at 1200 at NMCMS is the Sprint Football League Championship. Pack the stands for the star match of the fall season as our very own (7-0) makes the worn-out Army mules (6-1) wish they had stayed back at West Point.



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## Message from the Brigade Commander

November is Native American Heritage month! I challenge you all to learn more about the rich



history and diverse cultures of our indigenous communities. Native Americans have greatly contributed to many inventions we use all the time today to include rubber, anesthetics, kayaks, and hammocks. The Native American community has also served in the military for far longer than we often give credit. During the Second World War, the most famous and widely publicized story was that of the Code Talkers. Their legacy of transmitting an unbreakable code over the radio waves during the war proved vital to the success of the Americans battling

throughout the Pacific. It is arguably still the Navajo people's "greatest symbol and source of cultural pride." While the Navajo contribution of over 400 code talkers remains the most publicized, Native Americans from across the continent played a crucial role in "code talking," including members from Wisconsin and Michigan. Great stories and contributions from Native Americans are not few and far between – all you have to do is take some time this month to learn more.

- MIDN CAPT Morgan Prigmore, *Brigade Commander*

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## Dant's Corner

Brigade,

Two thoughts as we approach the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day Weekend. First this weekend last year saw several ARIs that resulted in coming back early from liberty for the Brigade. The most concerning of these were incidents where midshipmen were left without their wingmen in potentially dangerous situations. Let's not have a repeat this weekend. We must take care of each other whether in Baltimore after the game or here in DTA.

On the positive side, this is a weekend to remember our Legacy, both as we celebrate the 247th Birthday of my beloved Corps as well as we honor all of those Veterans who served our nation. Take the time this weekend to recharge and remember your Why. It is the Legacy of those many Marines who have gone before us, both living and passed that makes me get up every day and work to be better than I was yesterday, morally, mentally, and physically.

Semper Fidelis!

Dant

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## BZ! 3/C Dan Mullan, 19<sup>th</sup> Company

“Dan Mullan is a phenomenal Midshipman who is quite frankly most simply put, a silent killer. He takes on numerous roles within the company, including being a platoon corporal, and is very involved in training. Dan is committed to the Naval Academy's mission of being developed morally, mentally and physically by setting the standard for each of them. He is consistently squared away. This week it came to light when he won the uniform contest and maxed the PRT. Dan is someone any class or age that members of 19th company can go to if they need an example of what right looks like. Finally, Dan's exploits are not always public, and he further demonstrates his character by setting the table for his squad every day without missing a beat.”



*Bravo Zulu 3/C Mullan!*

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## Jokes of the Week

I saw an ad in a shop window: "Television for sale, \$1, volume stuck on full

"I thought, "I can't turn that down"

- 1/C Thomas Martineau

Why did Mozart hate chickens? *Because when he asked them for their favorite composer, they said, "Bach! Bach! Bach!"*

- 2/C Alex LaRuffa

Why did the can crusher quit his job? *Because it was soda pressing*

- 3/C Josh Milford

Got a knee-slapper to share? [Submit here!](#)

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## Reach out to your Fall 2022 Sergeant Major Staff for questions!

**Brigade Sergeant Major** – Christian Bryant, 17<sup>th</sup> Company

**1st Regiment Sergeant Major** – Chloe Dawson, 1<sup>st</sup> Company

**2nd Regiment Sergeant Major** – June Jordet, 26<sup>th</sup> Company

**1st Battalion Sergeant Major** – Samuel Forddirks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Company

**2nd Battalion Sergeant Major** – Abby Bahlau, 6<sup>th</sup> Company

**3rd Battalion Sergeant Major** – Tim Ferron, 14<sup>th</sup> Company

**4th Battalion Sergeant Major** – John Moore, 17<sup>th</sup> Company

**5th Battalion Sergeant Major** – Matt Perez, 23<sup>rd</sup> Company

**6th Battalion Sergeant Major** – Andrew Menet, 30<sup>th</sup> Company

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- *Fall 2022 Sergeant Major Staff*