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## Message From the Battalion Commander

### *MIDN 1/C Savarese*



My name is Salvatore Savarese and I'm a senior from Apex, North Carolina. I am double majoring in Global Studies and Peace, War, and Defense with a minor in Naval Science. Upon commissioning I hope to pursue a career in Naval Aviation.

I'm honored to serve as the Battalion Commander for the semester. As the Battalion Commander, I am responsible for executing the Commander's intent as well as directing the actions and evolutions that will serve to progress each Midshipman personally and professionally with an emphasis on mental, moral, and physical development.

This semester, I will be working very closely with the Battalion executive officer, MIDN Nancy Smith, as well as the Battalion Sergeant Major, Isaiah Leiva. Our combined efforts with the Midshipman Staff will give the Battalion the tools necessary to develop themselves into exceptional men and women who hold themselves accountable to achieving continual self-improvement and selfless leadership.

My goal is for every midshipman to be able to say that they have experienced some level of personal and professional growth by the end of the semester. If each Midshipman dedicates his or her self to bettering the Battalion, their peers, and themselves, we will see noticeable personal improvements in our performance morally, mentally, and physically. This means improved PT scores, better leadership aptitude ratings, and, most importantly, higher GPA's.

Professionally, each Midshipman will be exposed to training that challenges their knowledge of Naval and Marine Corps operations and improve upon that knowledge. With knowledge comes confidence, and when each Midshipman better understand their role or future role within the Navy or Marine Corps, they will be more poised and effective in their future leadership roles.

It is an honor and a privilege to be the Battalion Commander for the Fall semester. I know that our commitment toward bettering ourselves as a means of service for others will result in a very effective and successful semester. I have the utmost confidence in each and every Midshipman in the Battalion and I am ecstatic to see and experience what lies ahead for us all.

## Message From The Battalion XO

### *MIDN 1/C Smith*

As Battalion Executive Officer for the Fall 2015 semester, I serve as the second in command for the Battalion midshipman staff. I enter my responsibilities with a mix of excitement and determination; the fall semester staff often sets the tone for the entire year, formulating policies and standards that implement Captain Gillespie's intent for the entire Consortium.

I am originally from Asheville, NC and specialize here at the university in Arab Cultures and Peace, War, and Defense, with a minor in Public Policy. Though I had no previous military experience upon entering NROTC, I have quickly acclimated and held a number of billets, including Anchors

Aweigh Editor, Squad Leader, Platoon Commander, and Operations Officer. My background is ideal for understanding every layer of the chain of command leading into my staff, which I am responsible for managing. When the midshipman Battalion Commander (BNCO) or the Active Duty need something done, I ensure that is delegated to the appropriate midshipman and that a deadline is set for completion. Then I monitor the project through to the end. In addition, I stand in for the BNCO when he cannot be present, I plan and execute Battalion staff meetings, and I oversee the maintenance of Battalion spaces. It is a truly unique privilege to work with the creative, competent, and disciplined members of this Battalion, and I get great personal satisfaction out of watching staff succeed in their respective billets. The military is fundamentally based on a system of trust and respect between superior and subordinate, and no group of people do I trust and respect more than my staff this semester.

Furthermore, my boss - the BNCO, Mr. Savarese - is one of the most honest and hardworking people I have ever met. I am confident in his vision for our Battalion.

So we have a big job ahead of us! Integrating fourth class into the Battalion will be one of our foremost priorities, in addition to maintaining the growth, mission, and excellence of all our midshipmen.



## Introduction To The New NROTC Fourth Class

### 4/C MIDN



MIDN 4/C Caleb Gill— Navy Option

Hello all. My name is Caleb Gill and I am incoming freshman at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. I also have the distinct honor of being a 4/C Midshipman in the Universities' Naval ROTC Battalion. I hail from the state of Missouri, and it is indeed sometimes pronounced Misery for a reason. However, I did grow to love it, though I am extremely excited at all the amazing opportunities available to me in North Carolina. Currently the only major I can think of is that I am majorly undecided, though I am leaning strongly towards either a business or pre-health concentration. I hope to use one of these academic interests to both contribute to my talent as an officer in The

Fleet as well as prepare me for life beyond it. During this first year at Chapel Hill I am looking to join the Club Swim Team as well as participate in either the Carolina Debate Program or Mock Trial. I am thrilled to be a part of one of the greatest universities and the greatest NROTC battalion in the country, and I anticipate a great next four years.

MIDN 4/C Ryan Smith— Navy Option

I currently reside in the town of Waxhaw, North Carolina. Throughout my life, I have lived in a total of four states including Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, and North Carolina. I am one of six kids in my family. I am also a triplet. At UNC, I am planning on studying Mathematics and Business Administration. Currently, I am unsure what type of naval officers I am going to pursue. I will make the decision through the experience I will gain over the four years of the NROTC program. Following my naval career, I aspire to be a General Manager of an NBA franchise. In my free time, I enjoy playing basketball and weightlifting. I am excited to live and learn at the University of North Carolina.



## Introduction To The New NROTC Fourth Class

### 4/C MIDN

MIDN 4/C Rob Sulaski— Marine Option

My name is Rob Sulaski and I am from Asheville, North Carolina. I enjoy mountain biking, backpacking, and staying active. I plan on majoring in Business or Mathematical Decision Sciences. I intend on receiving a commission in the Marine Corps although I do not know which MOS I prefer. After several years of service, I would like to be an entrepreneur in the civilian world.



MIDN 4/C William Ford— Marine Option

Although originally from San Antonio, Texas, I've lived my whole life in Asheboro, North Carolina. I enjoy watching movies, snowboarding, hiking, flying, and doing a wide range of other things outside. I intend on majoring in Russian and Global Studies, while having an undeclared minor in French or German. I always wanted to be on the ground in the military with a combat oriented MOS, however I'm beginning to lean towards aviation. Being a Marine Option, I have plenty of opportunities to fly, and I'm still undecided as to what type of aircraft I want to pursue. I think that being at UNC and being a part of the Battalion will surely help

me towards my goal of flying and I'm glad I made the right decision.

MIDN 4/C Sarahbeth Eason— Marine Option

My name is Sarah Eason, but I go by Sarahbeth. I am a sophomore born and raised in Wilmington, North Carolina (a.k.a. beach town). I am a Political Science and Peace, War, and Defense double major who is also studying Russian. In addition to NROTC, I am a member of the Marching Tar Heels Color Guard. During the summer, I work as a coach at a Christian camp teaching kindergarten through eight grade kids how to play sports. In my free time I love to read (especially J.R.R. Tolkien), swim in the ocean (obviously not here in Chapel Hill), practice yoga, and play Ultimate Frisbee. I also play on a competitive airsoft team. I aspire to be a Human Intelligence Officer in the Marine Corps. After serving in the military, I want to work in counterterrorism.



## Introduction To the New NROTC Fourth Class

### 4/C MIDN



MIDN 4/C Blake Holden— Navy Option

My name is Blake Holden and I am from Raleigh, North Carolina. I am majoring in political science because I love to learn about government and history. I love to play sports, travel & meet new people. My dream is to be able to travel to explore the world. Traveling gives me a better understanding of different people and cultures. It emphasizes the importance of the U.S. military and their effort to provide global peace for people around the world. I hope to be commissioned as a pilot in the Navy and serve my country.

MIDN 4/C Chan Reagan— Navy Option

When I realized that Carolina was the school I had to attend, I was crushed. I had hoped for a school that was "bigger and better." Now, I can't think of a better place to be. When I swore in the first day, and stated that "I, Chan Reagan, having been appointed a midshipman," swore to defend the constitution and our way of life, I entered a community that I know I will continue relations with far beyond this college phase. The NROTC community at Carolina has been supportive, yet demanding. The family I have found in Carolina's NROTC unit is fantastic. From the midshipmen to the lieutenants and, even Gunnery Sergeant Anderson, the people in the unit are welcoming and engaging. I am a Biology major and am highly interested in the medical arena as well as aviation. I know that I am in the most appropriate program for me to explore these passions and I see this opportunity to develop under the Carolina NROTC program as a once-in-a-lifetime ordeal. There is a long road ahead of this year's fourth class; Wish us luck. Go Heels!



## Introduction To the New NROTC Fourth Class

### 4/C MIDN

MIDN 4/C Cameron Barringer – Navy Option

My name is Cameron Barringer and I am one of the newest Midshipmen of the Battalion at UNC. I hail from China Grove, NC, a little town about 15 minutes south of Salisbury and 30 minutes north of Charlotte. It's a quiet little town full of rednecks that aren't going to college, but it was a nice place to grow up and I'm not ashamed of it.

I am planning to major in Computer Sciences and, if time is available, another undetermined major. Personally, I am interested in anything to do with computers, but I also have an interest in Medical Technology. As for hobbies, mine include running, Ultimate Frisbee, and high-adventure activities.

My dreams and aspirations in the Navy include possibly becoming the Commanding Officer of a ship, a superior Aviation Officer, or an Intelligence Officer. Outside of the Navy, my plans are less specific but include making enough money to live very comfortably with a family with a nice car and a plane.



MIDN 4/C Parker Simpson— Navy Option

I am a 19 year old first-year here at UNC majoring in biomedical engineering. I was born in Charlotte and raised in Mooresville, North Carolina. I attended a small charter school called Pine Lake for most of middle school and all of high school. While in high school, I participated on the football team, tennis team, and numerous honors societies and clubs. There is a strong background of military involvement in my family, which is one of many reasons that I am pursuing a career in the US Navy. I am excited for all of the challenges and successes I will come across in this battalion over the next four years.



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