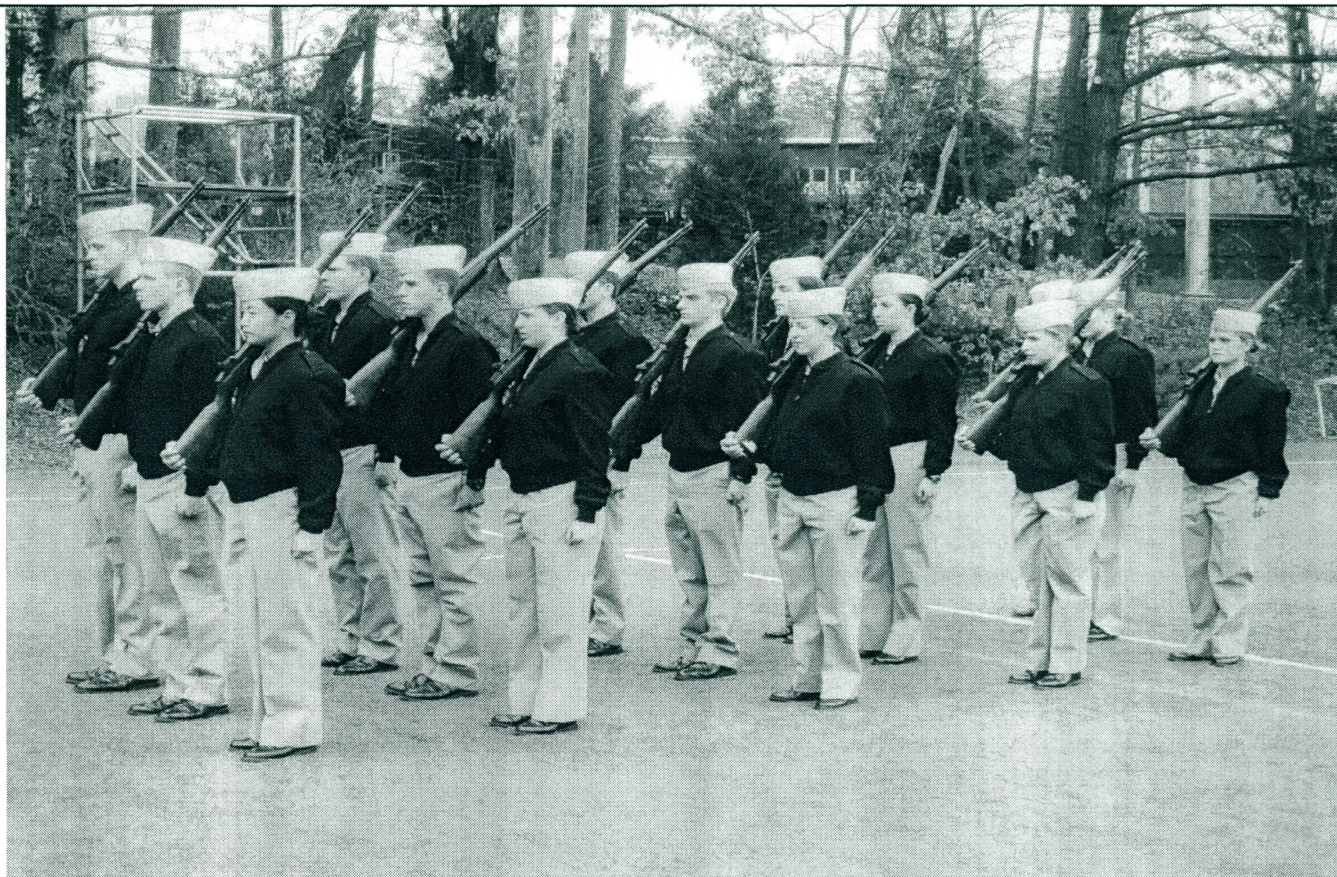


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Back in Action



MIDN practicing drill during Lab

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Message from the Battalion Commander

MIDN 1/C Randall Martin, USNR

Words from the BNCDR

First of all I would like to congratulate the entire midshipman battalion on an excellent first month of the semester. The spring semester provides significant opportunities for individual midshipmen to excel in all aspects of their academic and ROTC lives. Spring semester is unique in that there is time to concentrate on areas that need improvement due to the lower OPTEMPO (i.e. number of things to do for you non-military types) and the freedom from fall semester responsibilities. This semester I expect great achievements from the battalion and I plan to be there every step of the way to ensure that all midshipman needs are met.

The month of January provided several opportunities for advancement and recognition. The UNC-Chapel Hill NROTC sent two delegates to the U.S. Naval Academy leadership conference where they learned about leadership in crisis. Additionally, numerous midshipmen were recognized for outstanding performance in academics, physical fitness, community service, leadership, and recruiting at Navy lab on Jan. 28, 2010. These midshipmen exemplify the core values of the Navy and Marine Corps and their dedication speaks to their motivation and dedication to themselves and this program. I expect that they will continue to excel and it is my sincere wish that others will take note of their example and seek to emulate it.

In closing, I would like to thank my staff for all of their hard work during the winter break. They ensured that the semester would start off on the right foot and they have my sincere gratitude. Finally, always remember that the military prides itself having soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen that watch out for one another and pull each other through the difficult periods. I encourage all of you to find that person who will pick you up when you fall and I hope that you will reciprocate in kind.

“There go the people.

I must follow them, for I am their leader.”

- Alexandre Auguste Ledru-Rollin -



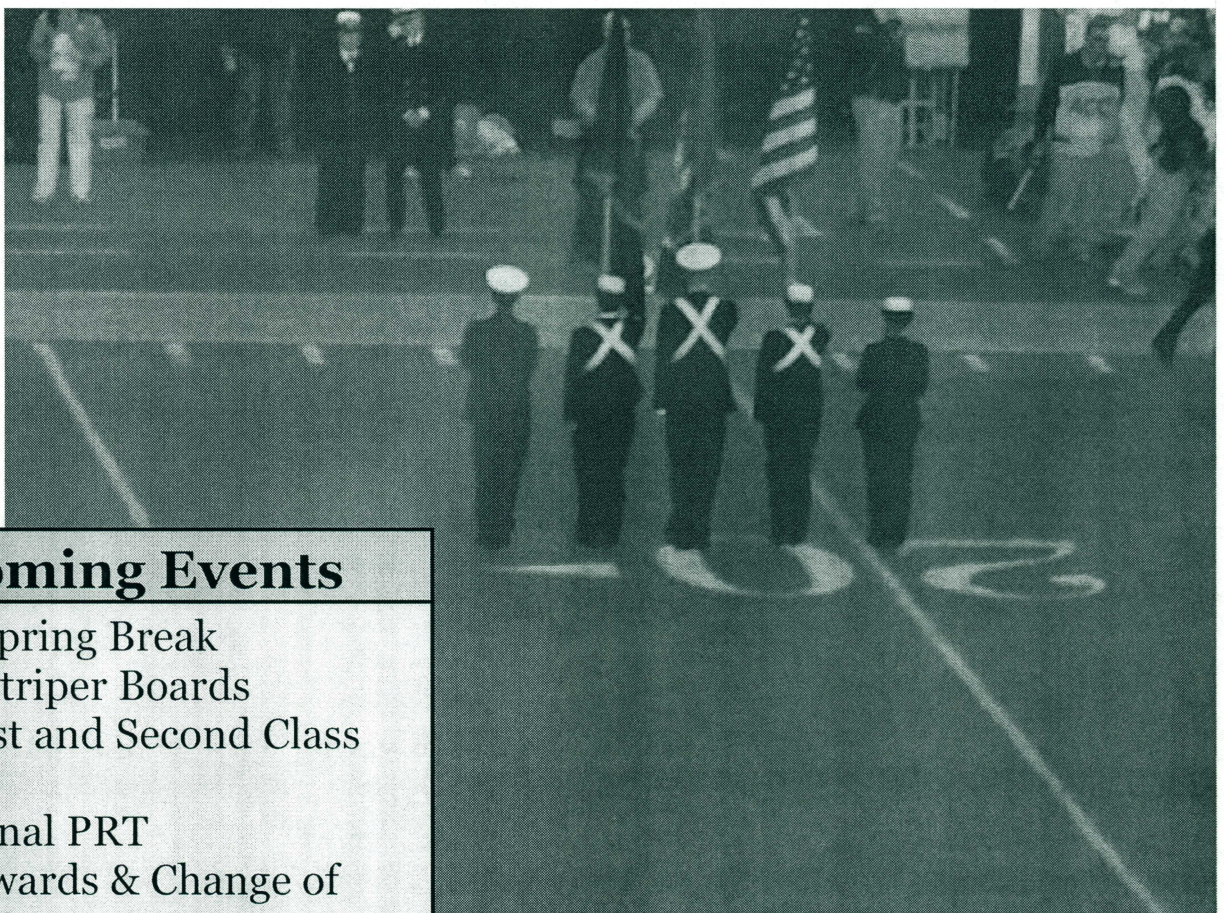
MIDN 1/C Randall Martin, USNR

Battalion Commander

An inside look at Color Guard

MIDN 4/C Bailey

Color guard is an exciting NROTC event. It takes dedication and discipline to master the timing and skill involved in putting together an excellent color guard. But despite all the hard work and time that went into color guard over this last semester and the current one, it has been an overall enjoyable experience. It also comes into perspective when you are actually out there on that football field with thousands of fans watching you, or when in the Dean Dome where the roar of the crowd is so loud that Ms. Hayes's cadence call is all but lost. It is at these moments where everything comes together and you know that all your Tuesday evening practices are finally coming into play. The satisfaction of knowing that a job well done was achieved is all the motivation needed to continue working hard in color guard. The game tickets are nice too.



Upcoming Events

14 MAR - Spring Break
25 MAR - Striper Boards
1 APR - First and Second Class
Dining In
14 APR - Final PRT
15 APR - Awards & Change of
Command Ceremony
17 APR - Consortium Field Meet
8 MAY - Commissioning

NROTC bearing the flags for a Carolina football game.

Tulane Drill Competition: Before and After

BEFORE:

*MIDN 4/C Kristen Taulbee ,
USNR*

Popping sticks, punching the little person, chicken wings – what do they all have in common? No, we are not getting angry at little people for stealing our chicken and breaking their stick-like bones. Rather, we are practicing for our rifle drill competition in Tulane, and those are some mnemonic devices we use to remind ourselves of the correct and precise execution of moves.

At Tulane, we will compete against 40 other universities across the country in rifle drill according to the Marine Corps Drill Manual's standards. Although we do not expect to beat Texas A&M and other schools who require drill manual as a class, or those who recruit their oldest and best members to compete, we are hoping to place in the top 10. With Gunnery Sergeant Cuellar's intensely motivating instruction, we hope that we can bring him, I mean our battalion, a trophy.



The platoon learning new drill moves a few hours before the actual competition. (Center: MIDN 1/C Holder, right: MIDN 3/C Attayek, left: MIDN 4/C Tempest)

and we have no choice but to jump on board and give it everything we've got.

While in Tulane, our platoon will have the opportunity to experience the famous (or infamous) festivities of Mardi Gras, many of us for the first time. Many people in the drill platoon, especially the men, look forward to this part of the trip more than the rest. Although we will unfortunately be getting updates from the Duke-Carolina game via text message on the bus on the way to Tulane, at least we will be rewarded with an exciting, hopefully unforgettable experience.

Best of luck, drill members!

AND AFTER:

MIDN 1/C Holder

A Weekend in New Orleans

The UNC-CH NROTC drill team departed from the Naval Armory at 1900 on 10 Feb 2010 for Tulane University. The midshipmen were excited to partake in the Mardi Gras drill meet and local festivities, since Tulane is located in New Orleans, Louisiana. Moreover, the New Orleans Saints had just won the Super Bowl, which only heightened the drill team's anxiousness to arrive.

After picking up the Blue Devil drill team from Duke University and completing a rendezvous with the bus carrying the midshipmen from NC State University, all three teams were on their way. After about sixteen hours



MIDN 1/C Tessman holding the flag as the platoon prepares to enter their first official drill competition

on the road, they arrived at their destination, a Best Western hotel located only a couple blocks from the famous Bourbon Street. A few hours of rest were granted to the midshipmen upon arrival, after which one final drill practice, held in the drizzly weather outside the hotel, took place. Several passersby stopped on the sidewalk to watch the midshipmen and snap a few photographs. Liberty was granted until midnight after practice, for the drill team was set to compete around noon the following day.

Due to the dreary weather, the drill meet was altered and performance of the indoor inclement weather card was announced to be the new plan. Having assumed good weather would be in store, the UNC drill team scrambled to squeeze in an extra practice the morning of the competition. The fourth class midshipmen were new to the "sling arms" move, so a great deal of practice time was dedicated to learning that. The midshipmen boarded the bus yet again after practice and inched toward Tulane in the Mardi

Gras-filled streets.

The first event of the competition was the platoon inspection. Nerves ran high as two Marine Corps staff sergeants and a gunnery sergeant inspected each midshipman in the formation individually. Platoon drill followed, after which came the squad drill and color guard components of the drill meet. The midshipmen felt that they had put on a solid performance in all events, especially considering the late notice of the drill card change. Several hours later, the awards ceremony was held in an auditorium on Tulane's campus. All three Piedmont Consortium drill teams waited around to see if any trophies had been won, but unfortunately there was no luck to be had for any of them. Word came down later, however, that UNC placed tenth overall out of more than thirty drill teams in attendance, which was nothing to be ashamed of.

After the nervous excitement of the drill meet, the midshipmen were taken back to the hotel and released for liberty until 1000 the next morning. Many beads were gathered by the midshipmen (no flashing involved!) and a great time was had by all. Those of age enjoyed the frozen hurricane drinks, and everyone tasted the delicious Creole and Cajun cuisine that is abundant in New Orleans. A favorite after dinner stop this year was Café du Monde, which served fresh French doughnuts twenty-four hours a day.

Muster was called at 1400 on the day of departure. All of the midshipmen were sad to leave the Big Easy, but academic and NROTC obligations pull at everyone. Another sixteen or so hours passed on the bus ride back to Chapel Hill, as most members of the drill team tried to get some sleep. Luckily the bus didn't lose a tire like it did two years prior. Overall, the Tulane University Mardi Gras Drill Meet was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went, and many are anxiously looking forward to returning next year.

Naval Leadership Conference

MIDN 2/C Daniel Ballance, USNR

Learning Crisis Leadership from the Best in the Business

Every year the midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy hold a leadership conference for undergraduate students around the country. The Academy will invite universities with ROTC programs of any branch, members of special schools such as UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School, and other military academies.

MIDN 1/C Randall Martin, our midshipman battalion commander, and I were selected to represent our unit in

Annapolis, M.D. The topic of the conference varies from year to year, with the 2010 Leadership Conference focusing on leadership under stress and finding opportunities in a time of crisis. The Academy had an impressive lineup of speakers, both civilian and military. The speakers included Joseph Kernan, former governor of Indiana and Vietnam prisoner of war, Vice Admiral James Houck, the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General, and broadcast journalism legend Tom Brokaw.

The conference was a combination of individual speakers and panels of four. Each event examined a different perspective of crisis leadership, such as preparation for inevitable crises, the importance of effective communication, and the physiological and emotional challenges of stress. The panels included psychologists, medical doctors and Navy chaplains, all who could offer perspective from a nontraditional angle.

While listening to these speakers, I quickly realized my own thoughts on crisis management were quite underdeveloped. I vaguely understood how law, individual beliefs, and preparation individually worked in a crisis, but this conference opened my eyes to the level of complexity true crises achieve when all these factors begin to work with and against one another. The giant messes that can occur, illustrated by several examples from the speakers' own lives, dawned on me and I then realized that, as a leader, the single most important thing that must stay in focus is the big picture. Leaders cannot afford to get tied up in the small details for long periods of time or they will lose sight of the overall goal, which is getting your people through the storm in one piece.



(left to right) 1/C Randall Martin, 2/C Dan Ballance, 1/C Jordy Goldstein (Duke), 3/C Blake Lusty (USNA), 2/C Kaitlin Smith (Duke), and 1/C Ben Hu (Duke)

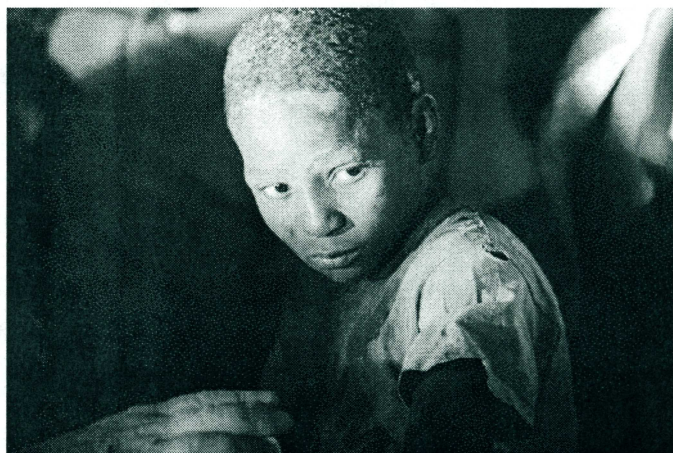
The Navy Sends Hope for Haiti

MIDN 3/c Maggie Attayek ,

At 1653 on the 12th of January, 2010, an earthquake ripped through Haiti, devastating the country. Earthquakes are fairly common around the world with an average of 285 per year, with the majority being below a 7.0. The Haitian Earthquake had a magnitude of 7.0 on the Richter Scale, devastating the small, populated island. The earthquake occurred in the region between the Caribbean plate and the North American plate along the Enriquillo fault. The earthquake greatly disturbed Haiti and the surrounding islands, killing 112,405 people, injuring 196,595 people, displacing between 800,000 and 1 million people, and severely damaging the Port Au Prince area.

The US was very quick to respond to the devastation and provide aid to millions of people in Haiti and in the surrounding areas. The Navy has had a fantastic response to the disaster because the majority of the disrupted areas are near the coast and in Port Au Prince.

On the 15th of January, 2010, nineteen helicopters aboard the USS Carl Vinson flew over 1,000 hours and evacuated 435 injured people from Haiti. Many other ships have been hard at work in order to provide relief, aid, and reconstruction to Haiti. The Military Sealift Command ship USNS Comfort has been working with multinational forces to help the recovery process while sailors from the Carter Hall (LSD 50) helped remove rubble from homes during a community relations project. USS Carter Hall is one of four LSD ships working in the Bataan Amphibious Relief Mission. Operation Unified Response has pulled the US military together alongside of other nations in order to help the people of Haiti. Search and rescue, medical aid, community relations, rebuilding efforts, and more are some of the few things that the Navy is doing to support Haiti. The Navy will continue to be a major contributor to the support of Haiti.



Haiti natives desperately await help from U.S. Forces

It Starts As a Dream

MIDN 1/C Alex Bowman, USNR

I have aspired to be a Naval Aviator since I experienced my first air show at the age of 5. Watching the *Blue Angels* for the first time was enough to convince me that there is nothing else I would rather do. My father shared his love of flying and his love of country with me from an early age. I have been flying "right seat" with my dad since I was a toddler. He would strap my car seat in the plane on trips to visit my grandparents and, over the years, he taught me the basics of flying. Unlike most kids who outgrow their childhood dreams, I chose my path early on and have maintained my commitment to reaching my goal. Nearly 4 years have passed since I began my Navy ROTC experience, which has steadily encouraged and demanded both physical and academic excellence. My hard work and dedication paid off; I have been selected to commission as a Student Naval Aviator in May 2010.

Becoming a Naval Aviator is much more than just flying. It is a commitment to be the best in aviation and in service to one's country, knowing that failure is not an option. One must be competitive, focused, confident, and disciplined, while maintaining the humility to learn from mistakes and move on. I expect to be challenged in all areas of flight training. I realize I will have to maintain focus and spend many long nights learning the fundamentals of aerodynamics, engine systems, emergency procedures, flight rules, air navigation, and weather patterns. Navy pilots have informed me that flight school is extremely rigorous due to the expectation that students learn massive amounts of new information. Graduates of the flight program refer to it as "drinking out of a fire hose." Although I expect aviation training to be stressful, I am confident in my abilities and know it will be rewarding. I hope to share experiences with other students that will bond us in a "brotherhood" for a lifetime.

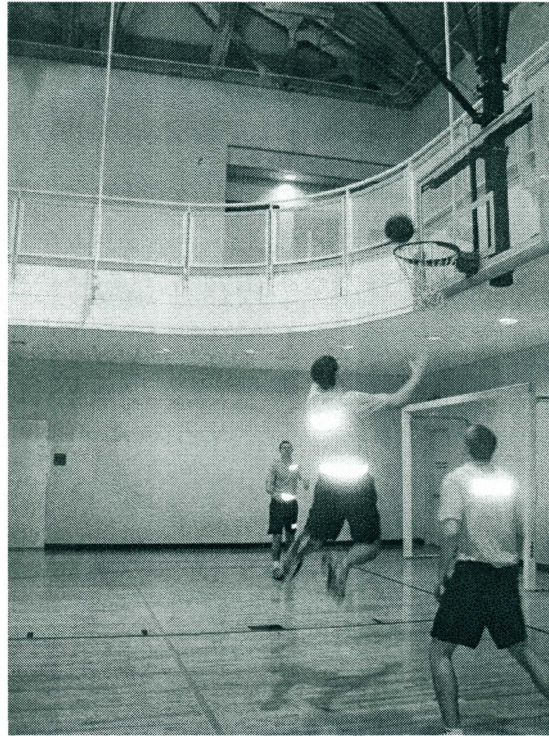
This is an exciting time to enter into the close-knit world of naval aviation. Advancements in aircraft and technology such as the new F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and MH-60 variant helicopters will be some of the most equipped and functional platforms ever developed. I sincerely hope that my future will involve these aircraft and their crew. I do expect to succeed as a pilot in the coveted and highly demanding career of naval aviation and am honored to serve my country in this capacity.



MIDN 1/C Bowman

Physical Fitness and Beyond

O.C. Whitaker



Letting gravity take over after
MIDN 3/C Zeberlein's slam dunk

Life, as I've experienced it, is a never ending balancing act. On either end of your beam you stack your negative and your positive stressors. On one end we might have personal hobbies and past times, while on the other we might find commitments and debts. Other stressors settle somewhere in the middle and, much to our annoyance, tend to shift around. Stressors, like love and time for example, can help when you have much and hurt when you have little.

Balance is also required in what we eat, how much we sleep, even how much we read and stimulate our minds. As you grow older your load grows higher, heavier, and infinitely more difficult to balance. Acutely susceptible to even the slightest asymmetry, the loads you choose can quickly come crashing down. It seems impossible, no matter how hard we may try, to tip the scales onto the good side, however, the scales can easily and often tip the other way. Balance, is what we yearn for in our lives whether we realize it or not. It's what keeps us sane and gives us hope when we have to pick up our burdens and stack the inescapable back upon our shoulders. I have found nothing more effective, exhilarating and worthwhile than exercise and physical activity to alleviate much of what will, and currently is, tilting your scale in life.

Fitness has nothing to do with a score, it's a state of mind and being. Fitness is balance, they are one and the same. What I offer to bring to the battalion is neither balance nor fitness, but rather a means of finding it oneself. To push each individual to re-evaluate their notions of limits and to inspire, if only one, to pursue fitness and balance as if it meant everything. So get out there and run that mountain trail, climb that steep slope, smell the fresh air at the top and taste the sweet rain when it falls, for it's in brief moments like these when life, as I've experienced it, is balanced and free.

Meet the 3/C

Reflecting on Life so Far

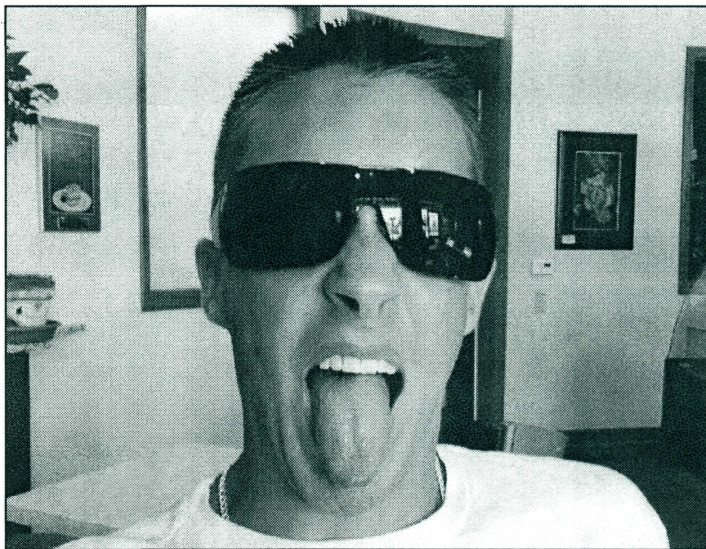
Matthew L. Nemetz

Hometown: Cary, NC

Major: Economics

Favorite Part of NROTC and Why: Having the opportunity to do tons of cool things that most people, especially college students, will never have the chance to do.

Personal Hero and Why: Michael "The Situation" Sorrentino. He is the paragon of physical fitness, style, and elegance.



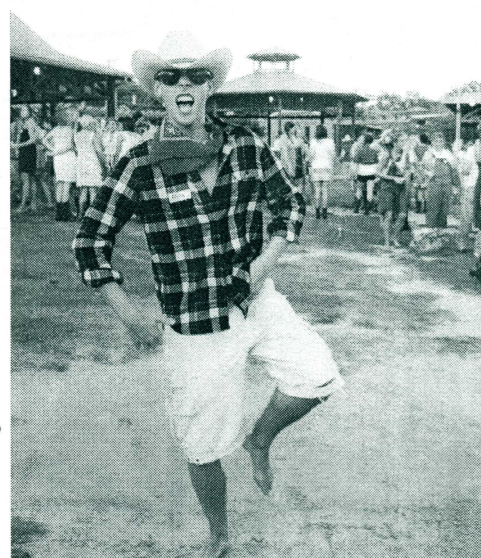
Karmann DeBurkate

Hometown: Ocean, NC

Major: Mathematics

Favorite Part of NROTC and Why: My favorite part of NROTC is the very fashionable high waisted pants that I get to wear with my uniform. Just joking.

My favorite part is that I get paid to work out and stay in shape.



Jeffrey Zeberlein

Hometown: Fairfax, VA

Major: B.S. in Business Administration

Favorite part of NROTC and Why? I really enjoy the relationships I form through NROTC. I've gotten to know many great people and these people will one day be my colleagues in the fleet, and I'll be proud to serve next to them.

Personal Hero and Why: My hero is Jesus Christ, because he gave his life to save mine. Romans 5:8

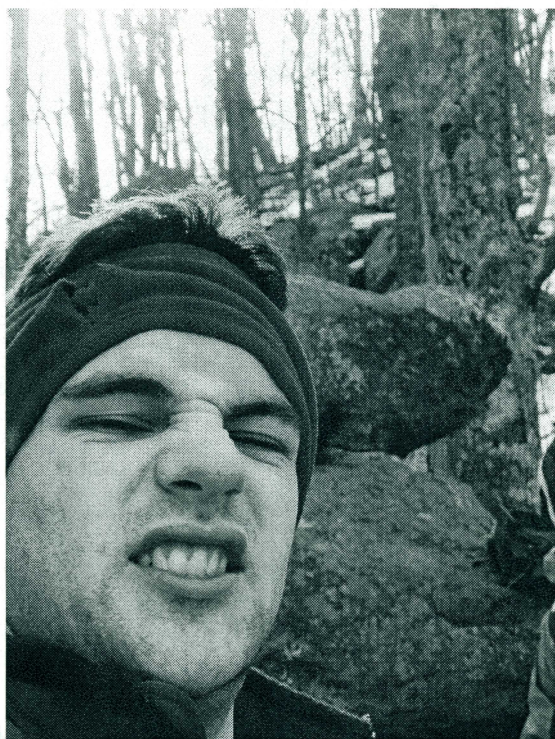
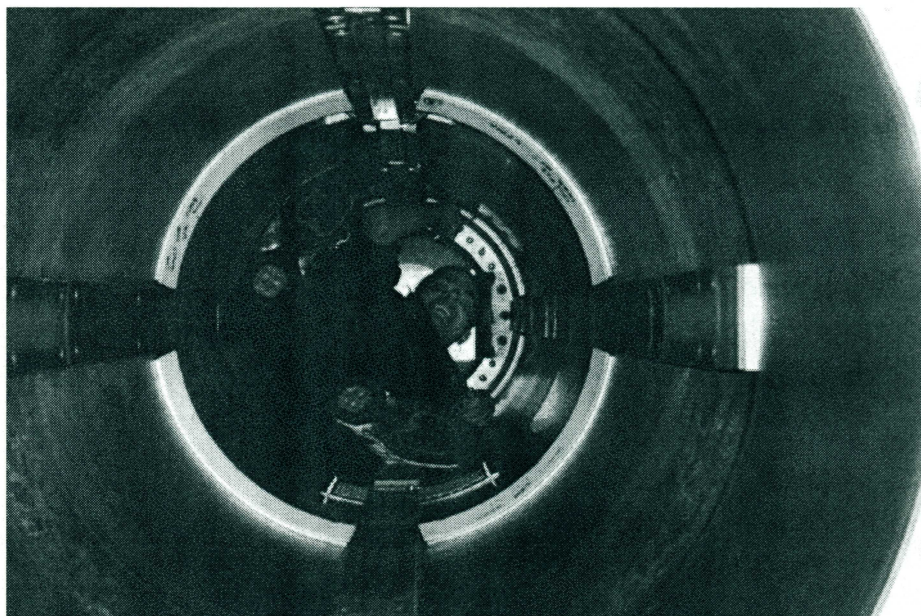
Grant Hall Morine

Hometown: Wilmington, NC

Major: Double Major in History and Peace, War, and Defense

Favorite part of NROTC and Why: My favorite part of NROTC are getting to see my friends, and hopefully this semester shooting weapons.

Personal Hero: My personal hero is Reed Hastings, for founding Netflix and creating a cheap way for me to watch all the movies I could ever want. Thanks Reed!

**Kyle Douglas Olson**

Hometown: Stafford, VA

Major: International Studies with a concentration in Latin American Politics

Favorite Part of NROTC and Why? Waking up early, because I'm most productive then

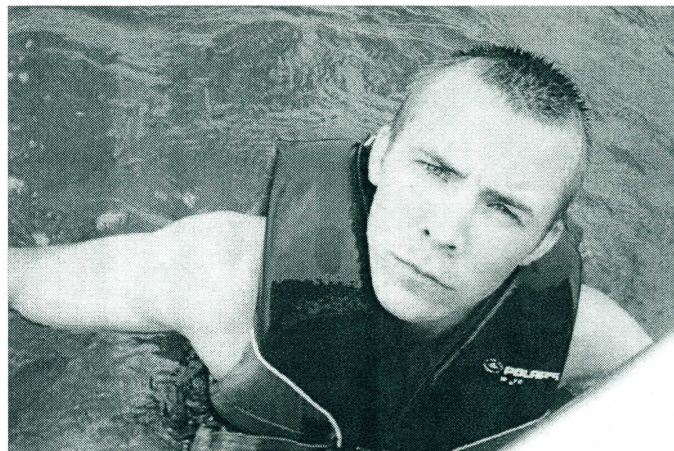
Personal Hero and Why: Rambo. Not only did he overcome his PTSD but he also rescued POWs in Vietnam, killed Commies in Afghanistan AND saved the missionaries in Burma. A true American.

Scott Francis Miller

Hometown: Jacksonville, NC

Major: Arabic Culture

Favorite part of NROTC and Why: My favorite part of NROTC, is being held to a higher standard than the average college student, and the structure and support we receive from the battalion and the active duty to attain that standard.



Personal Hero and Why: My father, because he is a man of honor and integrity that I strive to be.

Matt Conte

Major: History and Peace, War and Defense

Favorite part of NROTC and Why: The PTs

because I love waking up at 0500.

Personal Hero and Why: Latarian Milton because I wish I was as extreme as him when I was 7.



Anthony George Magaruh

Hometown: Roscoe, Illinois

Intended major: Percussion Performance

What is your favorite part of NROTC and why?
I love the daily challenges. As difficult as things can be, this process has really taught me how to truly enjoy my hard earned free time. The rewards always feel better after a great amount of hard work that goes into the process.

Personal Hero and Why: Jesus, who gives me strength daily.
"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest

upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

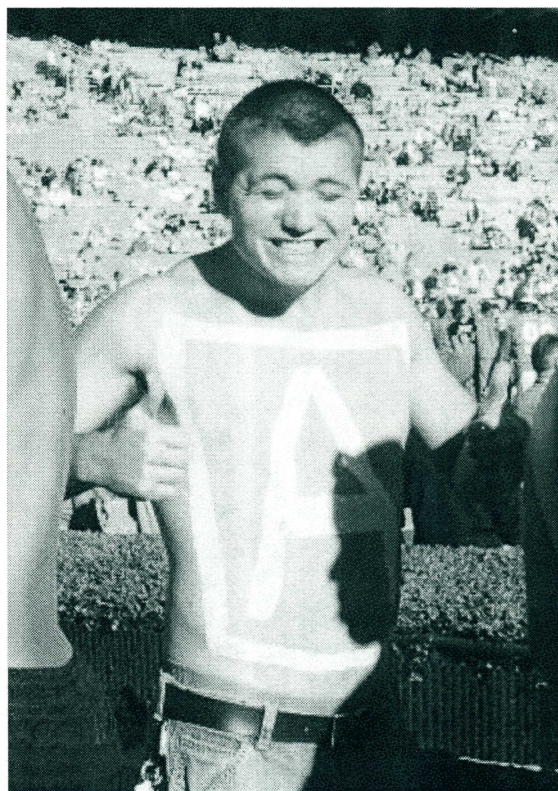
**Tyler Marva**

Hometown: Jacksonville, NC

Major: Nursing

Favorite part of NROTC and Why: stadium clean-ups...excellent bonding experience

Personal Hero: My dad



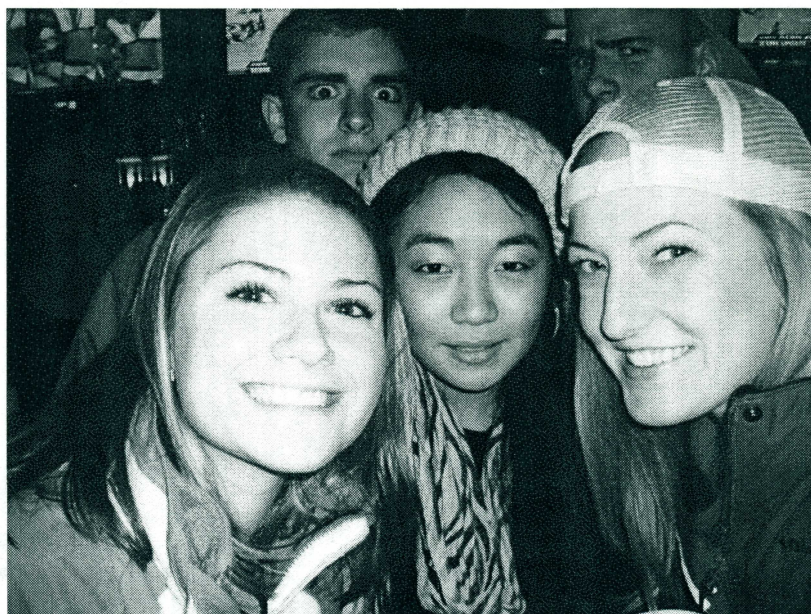
Work Hard, and Savor the Rewards



Some of the fourth-class and 3/C Magaruh relaxing before the fun at Mardi Gras



MIDN 3/C Attayek and MIDN 1/C Holder enjoying themselves as well.



MIDN 3/C DeBurkarte and some of the fourth class taking a serious picture



Midshipmen enjoying themselves at movie night.



MIDN 3/C Morine leaving it all on the court.



The upper classmen enjoying dinner at Bubba Gump Shrimp Comp. in New Orleans, 4/C Taulbee joining them

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