NROTC Gives Blood,
Gives Life

MIDN 4/C Tessmann

On Monday 26 February, 2007, UNC NROTC cosponsored a blood drive with the American Red Cross that was conducted on the Drill Deck of the Armory. The American Red Cross frequently holds blood drives all around the UNC campus, with the aid of University and student organizations, fraternities, sororities, and other organizations. These blood drives are crucial to the Red Cross’s efforts to keep blood banks stocked at UNC Hospitals and surrounding medical facilities. Donated blood is not usable for very long, so the Red Cross is constantly organizing these drives. The annual UNC NROTC Blood Drive did a great deal to help the Red Cross’s effort to collect blood and save lives in the Chapel Hill area, as 99% of the time the donated blood is taken directly to UNC Hospitals.

MIDN 4/C Tessmann was in charge of organizing and publicizing the event, and with the indispensable help of the NROTC Battalion the blood drive was a great success. According to the Red Cross’s tally, 38 people showed up to donate blood, and 32 usable units of blood were collected. Additionally, 10 of the donors were first time donors. This was an impressive turnout, especially with many illnesses going around campus and people being busy on a Monday afternoon. Congratulations are in order for all who came to donate blood and those who volunteered their time to help with the drive the day of the event. The Red Cross was very thankful for the help of the Battalion and all who came out to give life on the 26th.

INAUGURAL CAPTAIN’S CUP
OFF TO A SMOOTH START

MIDN 3/C Hodgin

In an effort to increase unit camaraderie and foster competition annually, the Battalion Staff and Platoons are competing for the inaugural Captain’s Cup. Throughout the semester, different sporting events are held during All Hands PT. Points are awarded to the winning platoon. At the conclusion of the semester, the platoon or Staff with the most points will be awarded the Captain’s Cup. Winners of the Cup will receive ribbons to be worn on their MIDN uniforms. Their accomplishments will also be recognized on a plaque to be hung in the armory and they will enjoy a barbeque with their platoon.

The first Captain’s Cup event was an Ultimate Frisbee tournament, which the Battalion Staff swept. Coming in a close second was Bravo Platoon. The MIDN also played the old time Navy favorite; volleyball. The Staff won this competition as well, to extend their lead in the competition to 25 points. Alpha and Bravo platoons are tied in second place at 5 points. Following the Battalion’s return from Spring Break, the MIDN will participate in a track meet. With a victory from either of the two platoons, the Staff’s lead could be significantly reduced. The rest of the semester should prove to be exciting as competition for the first ever Captain’s Cup heats up.

Midshipmen Compete for Claim to the Captain’s Cup
The Constant Challenge

MIDN 3/C Bower

One thing that Midshipmen learn quickly is that the more we mature, the more that will be demanded of us. As we achieve in the arena of physical fitness, we are challenged to push ourselves past our present state of development. As we progress academically, we seek to attain further excellence. Our Battalion fitness and GPA goals are set high to encourage us toward continued growth.

Beyond the physical and academic aptitude that is necessary for commissioning into service as Naval Officers, professional development must also occur. Weekly Leadership Labs and Summer Cruises provide Midshipmen with the opportunity to learn about the careers we will soon be performing. In particular, the 3/C Cruise (CORTRAMID) exposes Midshipmen to the Surface, Subsurface, and Aviation Warfare communities, as well as careers in the Marine Corps. Every Midshipman in NROTC units across the country attends Career Orientation and Training for Midshipmen (CORTRAMID) the summer after their freshman year.

To supplement the professional training that Midshipmen undergo over their summers, all 4/C Midshipmen at Chapel Hill are required to pass the 4/C Boards. The 4/C Boards take place shortly before exams in mid-April, and ensure that new Midshipmen have acquired an adequate level of professional development in their first year at UNC. Naval Weapons Systems, Ship’s Armament, General Orders, and Leadership Principles and Traits are just a few topics which the 4/C Midshipmen will be required to have memorized for their 4/C Boards.

They are quizzed, in succession, by each class of Midshipmen above them to prepare them for the final boards. Additionally, a short class is held weekly on Monday evenings to educate 4/C Midshipmen in the many areas of naval knowledge that they will be held accountable for. This enormous amount of information is a base layer that will provide the foundation of all future professional development for Midshipmen. Shortly, the 4/C Midshipmen will sit through their final boards and be tested by the Active Duty. Their successful completion of the 4/C Boards will bear witness to the 4/C Midshipman’s professional development.

The first step in transformation from civilian to Naval Officer will be complete. The 4/C will become 3/C, and will represent UNC on their 3/C Cruise (CORTRAMID). There, they will be further challenged and developed beyond their present level of maturity. For the more we mature, the more that will be demanded of us in every way.
GENERAL ZINNI

MIDN 3/C Spitler

Last month the NC Piedmont Consortium had the great privilege of being briefed by one of the most dynamic members to have served in the military. General Anthony Zinni, USMC (Ret.) spoke at Duke University on topics relevant to our modern military. General Zinni served as Commander in Chief of CENTCOM from 1997 to 2000, planned Operation Desert Fox in 1998, was the Commanding General of 1st MEF from 1994 to 1996, has testified before Congress on multiple occasions, is an author, and is currently an instructor at the College of William and Mary.

General Zinni’s brief consisted of an address by the General followed by a question and answer session. The most impressive aspect of the afternoon was the General’s ability to combine multiple points to formulate multidimensional answers to questions. General Zinni’s level of professionalism was higher than any I have seen before. Simply listening to him was motivating.

The focus of the General’s visit centered on ways that novice leaders can grow their leadership skills and achieve success in the fleet and in life. General Zinni stressed the importance of being broadly educated. He explained that the modern military will place personnel in a wide array of missions, so being able to creatively approach each one is important to succeed.

Having the courage to respectfully disagree with seniors, if needed, and to give them your honest opinion, are characteristics of junior personnel that are looked favorably upon by superiors. Another recommendation that General Zinni offered was to not manage your career. He stated that people who care more about making rank than they do about their people’s welfare will not get very far. This leads into one of the dominant ideas that was stressed: taking care of your people. At the beginning of the General’s discourse, he simply stated, “It’s about people!” Leaders must view their subordinates as family.

Several questions regarding the future of the military were posed throughout the event. General Zinni predicted that environmental security will come to play a large role in military operations in the next 20 to 30 years. Just as we are now fighting terror instead of communism, the notion of the future holding new enemies will remain true.

As stated above, pursuing personal education and knowledge was a key theme of the brief. The General stressed the importance of professional reading, and on a broader level, seeking knowledge in order to be as well rounded as possible. Examples of why this is important came from both the battlefield and domestic realms. When the General was in the Middle East, he had no success in dealing with a certain tribe until he learned that all matters had to gain the approval of the tribal leaders. If he had realized this sooner, cooperation between the two sides would have occurred much more quickly.

At home, General Zinni called upon his dealings with Congress to illustrate the importance of knowledge. Congress decides how the military operates, how much funding it gets, whether or not it will deploy to area x. However most politicians have no military experience and do not understand the way it truly operates. Being able to advise elected officials as to how to best implement the military is very important, and can be very challenging. On the General’s scale, knowledge of how Congress works was key to looking out for his people.

This is a sampling of what transpired at General Zinni’s brief. I know that I learned a lot on a personal level just by attending. So, if you ever have the opportunity to learn from someone wiser than yourself, take hold of that chance and “seek self improvement.”
Consortium Field Meet
A Fun Challenge

MIDN 4/C Tessmann For All

On Saturday, 31 March 2007, classic rivalries were put to the test yet again. Midshipmen from the UNC, Duke, and NC State NROTC Battalions met at the Ehringhaus Field on UNC’s campus to run, push, pull, dodge, and just maybe, after all the dust had settled, come out ahead of all the others.

The Annual Consortium Field Meet is the main opportunity the three units get each year to come together for a good bit of healthy competition. It’s a tournament of sorts in various field events. This year’s Field Meet was organized by UNC’s MIDN 3/C Pardue, and it included such events as four-man push-ups, five-man sit-ups, dodgeball, an 8x100 meter relay, Ultimate Frisbee, and the classic tug-of-war. The event began bright and early on the 31st and ran all morning, but all would agree it was a great way to spend a beautiful morning, even if it could have been used to catch up on some sleep.

As the units arrived, it became evident that the local underdogs would face quite a challenge. NC State’s battalion far outnumbered UNC’s, but the UNC Midshipmen nevertheless put up a gallant fight. The day started strong with a UNC victory in individual push-ups. As the Meet continued, it was hard to say who would come out on top. Morale remained high throughout the event, even as NC State managed to squeeze in wins in dodgeball and Ultimate Frisbee. Though NC State’s numbers seemed impenetrable, UNC gave their maximum effort in every event, winning the tunnel crawl and dominating the CO/XO relay. At the end of the Meet as the scores were read, all remained hopeful. The final score was close, with State managing to pull out a win yet again, but with UNC hot on their heels. The final tally was NC State 45, UNC, 37, Duke 17. There were a number of individual awards given out, two of which were received by UNC Midshipmen. MIDN 3/C Halvorsen received an award for his motivating ability among the UNC Midshipmen, and MIDN 1/C Schneppe received an award for overall athletic performance, with specific mention of a dive over a table in a daring attempt to catch a long-thrown Frisbee.

Though UNC missed the top position, it was a close race all around, and all involved are eagerly awaiting next year’s opportunity to definitively prove who really is the best.
Drill Team Enjoys Success at Tulane

MIDN 1/C Nelson

On 16 February 2007, the combined UNC-Duke Drill Team competed in the Tulane University Drill Competition in both Platoon Inspection and Platoon Basic. Members from both UNC and Duke also fielded a Color Guard team for competition. Forty-seven teams from thirty-six different schools competed, including colleges such as the University of Southern California, Northwestern, Texas A&M, and Auburn.

The team spent just three weeks together before traveling to Louisiana, facing many schools that had been practicing drill as part of their daily curriculum since the school year had begun. Yet, under the direction of Gunnery Sergeant Hogancamp and through their extreme desire and hard work in preparation for the competition, the team was able to place third in Platoon Inspection.

On behalf of the UNC-CH NROTC Battalion, I would like to take the time to recognize the individuals who made this accomplishment possible.

First, we would like to thank all members of the Consortium and UNC-CH Staff for allowing us the opportunity to compete in the Tulane Drill Competition.

A huge part of the success in the Platoon Inspection competition can be owed to the proper wear of each Midshipman’s uniform. We would like to therefore thank Chief Nolan for the extra hours and hard work she put in to ensure that all the Midshipmen had proper fitting Service Dress Blues and correct uniform parts.

Next, we would like to recognize the passion, hard work, and dedication that Gunnery Sergeant Hogancamp put into the UNC-Duke Drill Team. GySgt Hogancamp transformed seventeen individuals who had little to no experience with drill into a team that not only performed well across the board in competition, but came out with a true understanding of and appreciation for drill. The drill team gave GySgt Hogancamp a gift certificate to the Carolina Brewery that he will now hopefully have time to use.

MIDN 3/C Driver was chosen as the Drill Team Commander just one month before competition with no prior experience of knowledge of how to command drill. MIDN Driver put in hours well beyond those that were already quite extensive and worked extremely hard to perfect both his command presence and precision. MIDN Driver is commended for his exemplary leadership accomplishments during his time as Drill Team Commander.

MIDN 3/C Pardue was both the Color Guard Commander and a Squad Leader during this year’s competition. Allowing the practices to be solely focuses on drill, Mr. Pardue had time to hold just one full Color Guard practice before competing and still led the team to earn top fifteen rankings. Mr. Pardue is commended for his dedication and hard work.

MIDN 3/C Baker, a Squad Leader for the Drill Team, earned an Honorable Mention in the execution of drill during the competition. Ms. Baker’s attention to detail, hard work, and dedication to the success of not only herself, but others as well, should be recognized as an integral part of this year’s success.

MIDN 3/C Santos did an excellent job in helping to assemble and prepare the drill team for competition. As First Squad Leader, Ms. Santos not only performed in an exemplary manner on the individual level, but she was also essential in ensuring that others knew their knowledge and drill as well.

With very little experience, MIDN 4/C Holder and MIDN 4/C Martin joined the drill team, fully prepared to learn as much as possible and put in the long hours before the competition. Both of these 4/C Midshipmen displayed great improvements and dedication to the mission and should be commended for their outstanding efforts.

Competing for the first time, as second year drill team members, both MIDN 3/C Hayes and MIDN 3/C Eubanks did an excellent job in the drill competition. These MIDN put in hard work and long hours once again, this time with the chance to compete and come out with a victory.

Finally, our Tulane Competition Veterans, MIDN 2/C Fearon and MIDN 1/C Burke added knowledge and experience to the drill team in addition to their leadership within the Battalion. Both MIDN Burke and MIDN Fearon worked hard at practices and were essential members of the drill team’s success this year at Tulane University.

Congratulations once again!
Full name: Christopher Ryan Bridges

Position in Battalion: Administration Officer

Service Selection: Aviation

Hometown: Raleigh, NC

Family Military History: My grandfather was in the Army in WWII.

Fondest UNC Memory: My entire last two years have been incredible.

Most Embarrassing Moment: Dropping the ball at commissioning last year.

Advice to the Rising 1/C: Don’t take senior year too seriously (unless you have to in order to graduate). You’ll have enough time for seriousness in the fleet.

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Full name: Ryan Patrick Burke

Position in Battalion: Training Officer

Service Selection: Aviation

Hometown: Charlotte, NC

Family Military History: Grandfather served in the Navy during WWII, Brother is currently in the Air Force (enlisted)

Fondest UNC Memory: 1. Beating Duke... again and again and again; 2. Blondes; 3. National Championship...s; 4. Any ROTC Class/Lab/Event ever...

Most Embarrassing Moment: It would be a longer list.

Advice to the Rising 1/C: “I think I should be reading this part...”
**Full name:** William Benjamin Gerichten  
**Position in Battalion:** Academics Officer  
**Service Selection:** Marine Corps  
**Hometown:** Jacksonville, NC  

**Family Military History:** My grandfather, grandmother, father, and uncle all served in the Marine Corps for a combined total of 98 years. I will push it past 100 years.  

**Fondest UNC Memory:** I have many fond memories of my times at UNC. The most fun ones usually occur when my friends and I party when we should be doing other things on random school nights.  

**Most Embarrassing Moment:** I do not have a most embarrassing moment, though a friend of mine has one that has something to do with $5, Jimmy John's, and crunchy peanut butter.  

**Advice to the Rising 1/C:** My advice for all rising 1/C is to have fun. Work hard, play hard, and get yourself involved in as many events, clubs, groups etc. on campus as you possibly can.

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**Full name:** Joshua Keith Lail  
**Position in Battalion:** Operations Officer  
**Service Selection:** Submarines  
**Hometown:** Nebo, NC  

**Family Military History:** Grandfather served in WWII  

**Fondest UNC Memory:** 2005 Men's Basketball National Championship  

**Most Embarrassing Moment:** We won't go there...  

**Advice to the Rising 1/C:** Take advantage of your time here at UNC. Your 1/C year will go by so quickly, so try to slow down and enjoy your final year!
Full name: Patrick Arthur Murphy

Position in Battalion: Special Projects Coordinator

Service Selection: Marine Corps

Hometown: Greensboro, NC

Family Military History: Father, Uncle: Vietnam (Navy and Army); Grandfather: WWII (Army)

Fondest UNC Memory: Winning the NCAA Basketball National Championship in 2005

Most Embarrassing Moment: Confusing the definition of the word “trivial” in Captain Matts’ leadership class

Advice to the Rising 1/C: Give respect to get respect (I have learned this lesson the hard way)

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Full name: Nicole Marie Nelson

Position in Battalion: Battalion Commanding Officer

Service Selection: Marine Corps

Hometown: Clayton, NC

Family Military History: My dad was in the Navy for seven years. He was a Sub Nuke. My uncle was an Officer in the Marine Corps as well before switching over to the FBI.

Fondest UNC Memory: My favorite memory at UNC has to be when we won the National Championship my sophomore year. I can’t ever remember being so excited. Hopefully this memory will be a bit outdated come the end of March Madness!!

Most Embarrassing Moment: I would have to say my most embarrassing moment would be the aftermath of my attempts to bake brownies in the dorms. I believe around 1,000 students had to be evacuated due to the fire alarm that I set off.

Advice to the Rising 1/C: The biggest piece of advice I could give to the rising 1/C is to take in everything the program and this university have to offer. Some classes might seem stupid (and I would have to agree that some are), but the information, knowledge, and experiences of everyone around you is absolutely invaluable, and it will help you to become a more proficient and successful leader. Oh yeah, and have fun senior year!!
Full name: John Christian Schnepper

Position in Battalion: Battalion Executive Officer

Service Selection: Aviation

Hometown: Clayton, NC

Family Military History: Father: CPT US Army

Fondest UNC Memory: Winning the NCAA Basketball Tournament in 2005. Football and Basketball games with good friends and family.

Most Embarrassing Moment: During NROTC Freshman Orientation we were touring Franklin Street in our Khaki Uniforms. My pants were too tight and when I went to tie my shoe in the middle of Franklin Street my pants ripped along the seam on my butt. I had to walk all the way back to the Armory with a 4-inch rip in the back of my pants.

Advice to the Rising 1/C: Have fun, live it up, and enjoy it. Get over all the bad and focus on the good things that happen to you. It’ll be over for you and once it’s gone you’ll never be able to get it back.

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Full name: Hunter Alan Scott

Position in Battalion: Public Affairs Officer

Service Selection: Aviation

Hometown: Pensacola, FL

Family Military History: No family in the military.

Fondest UNC Memory: Throwing lemons at stadium cleanup

Most Embarrassing Moment: I accidentally sent this e-mail, meant for my girlfriend, to my professor:

SUBJECT: I LOVE YOU
BODY: And I can’t wait to be held hostage on Thursday. ! Yaaaaaa yuhhh. Whaaat? Whaaaaaat? Yaaaaaayyyyy. Ohhhhh Kayyyyyy. I love you! Ok bye

To which he replied:
SUBJECT: Re: I LOVE YOU
BODY:
Hunter,
Your feelings are certainly reciprocated. I would be lying, though, if I said I were not slightly confused.
Take care, Seth

After a brief explanation it was all cleared up.

Advice to the Rising 1/C: “When the fish are biting, go fishing” - Hunter S.
Welcome to the 2007 University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill Naval ROTC Awards Day

Once a year we formally recognize the outstanding achievements of our students in military bearing, academic success, and physical excellence. It provides a unique opportunity for you to learn more about what Naval Reserve Officer Training is all about.

We hope that you will attend and be a part of the festivities. This invitation highlights the important information about the event. If you need more information please call our points of contact.

Thank You,

Stephen D. Matts
Commanding Officer

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1. Exit the Airport on Westbound I-40.
2. Take Exit #270 - 15/501 South.
3. Take Franklin Street as it peels off to the Right.
4. Take a Left onto Columbia Street.
5. Take a Right onto Cameron Avenue (Double Turn Lane).
6. Take the first Left onto Pittsboro Street.
7. Take a Left on McCauley Street, Armory at bottom of hill.
   (Best bet for parking is in the Bell Tower Lot, past the armory on McCauley Street/South Road)

From points North traveling on S I-85:
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2. Take Franklin Street as it peels off to the Right.
3. Take a Left onto Columbia Street
4. Take a Right onto Cameron Avenue (Double turn lane)
5. Take the first Left onto Pittsboro Street
6. Take a Left on McCauley Street, Armory at bottom of hill

From points south traveling on N I-85:
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2. Take Exit #270— 15/501 South
3. Take Franklin Street as it peels off to the Right
4. Take a Left onto Columbia Street
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6. Take a fist Left onto Pittsboro Street
7. Take a Left on McCauley Street, Armory at bottom of hill

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