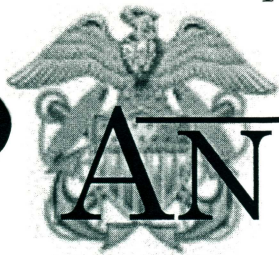


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The 4/C after successfully completing Sea Trials—Welcome to the unit!

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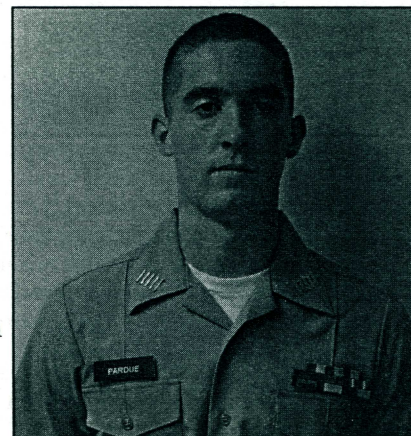
Message from the CO

MIDN 1/C Pardue, USMCR

The semester is over and I could not be happier with how the Battalion has emerged. The 4/C have successfully completed PQS and Sea Trials, two milestones in the building of the foundation of their professional reputation. The 4/C class has proven to be one of the most professional that I have seen come into the Battalion and their success indicates that they have already dedicated themselves toward the fast-approaching goal of leading Marines and Sailors as an Officer.

The credit for the Battalion successes lies completely with my Midshipman Staff. They set the wheels turning at the beginning of the semester by developing a training schedule and setting policies aimed at maximizing the efficiency and excellence of the unit. Underclassmen, you certainly did your part and executed the plans they set forth with enthusiasm and professionalism, but their capable hands guided you silently through the semester, doing all they could to ensure your success. Those efforts were not in vain.

By the now the semester has ended and 1/C Hodgkin has taken command of the unit. So long as you go forward with the bearing and attitude that you have shown me, you will not fail to have an equally outstanding semester with him. He has been vetted as an extraordinary leader by the same program that you continue to progress through, so rest assured that you are in very capable hands.



*Fall 2008 Battalion Commander
1/C Pardue, USMCR*

Upcoming Events

Jan. 12 First Day of Classes, Spring Semester

Jan. 15 First Navy Lab: Battalion Commander Expectations

Feb. 2 UNC NROTC Blood Drive

Recruiting Award

MIDN 1/C Driver
MIDN 1/C Hayes
MIDN 1/C Hodgkin
MIDN 1/C Johnson
MIDN 1/C Pardue
MIDN 3/C Perez
MIDN 3/C Stratton
MIDN 3/C Williams

Commendation Award

MIDN 1/C Hodgkin
MIDN 1/C Powell
MIDN 2/C Martin

Leadership Award

MIDN 3/C Stratton

MIDN of the Month

MIDN 3/C Perez (OCT)
MIDN 4/C Morris (NOV)

Community Service

MIDN 1/C Santos
MIDN 3/C Stratton

Super Squad

Second Squad (MIDN 2/C Martin)

News From the Fleet

A Look at the New F-35 Joint Strike Fighter

MIDN 4/C Marva, USNR

In colleges across the country, Naval ROTC programs are commissioning many college graduates as new officers in the Navy and Marine Corps, as surface warfare, aviation, submarine, or Marine Corps officers. Each new officer will be introduced to new environment with some of the latest and best technology. For upcoming pilots, one such improvement is the new F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

On 26 Oct. 2001, the U.S. Department of Defense named Lockheed Martin the lead Joint Strike Fighter team as the winner of the contract to develop the F-35 JSF. The F-35 team immediately entered the program's 10-year System Development and Demonstration (SDD) phase. This SDD phase consists of 22 test aircraft, fourteen for test flights, seven for non-airborne tests, and one for the radar signature.

The F-35 is a single seat, single engine, and stealth capable aircraft with the abilities of close air support, tactical bombing, and air superiority missions. This aircraft is made in three different models: the conventional takeoff and landing variant (CTOL), the short takeoff and vertical landing variant (STOVL), and the carrier based variant (CV). Each of these models has qualities that make it suitable for the missions it carries out.

It will be the world's premier strike aircraft through 2040. It will be more effective in air-to-air combat, air-to-ground combat, and reconnaissance than its predecessor. Because of the advances in technology, the F-35 will be capable of many diverse missions, replacing out-of-date aircrafts in stealth, technological capabilities, and maneuverability.



Changing Appearances—the New E1-E6 Uniform, and the Navy Dress Khakis

MIDN 3/C Kinsella, USNR



The navy is issuing several new uniforms, including a new "working" khaki uniform for junior enlisted personnel and the "dress" khaki uniform for Chief Petty Officers and Commissioned Officers.

According to the Navy Newsstand, the new working uniform will be worn year round, it will replace the winter blue and summer white uniforms for the junior enlisted personnel. As the name implies, the uniform will be used when sailors are carrying out their normal duties and routines. The new uniform consists of a short sleeve khaki shirt, a black belt and black trousers. The female uniform will have a khaki overblouse with black, beltless slacks. The uniform will include a black garrison cover. Additionally, optional items include a black Eisenhower-style jacket, and females also have the option of a black skirt, black beret and black handbag. The uniform was selected among a group of 4 options. Over 500 sailors were surveyed and the chosen uniform was "overwhelmingly" favored by those sailors who participated in the selection process. This will be the first time that junior enlisted personnel will be authorized to wear khaki uniforms, something that has traditionally been reserved for chiefs and officers. These new uniforms are supposed to be more practical and worn year-round.



Another new uniform will be the dress khaki uniform. This uniform will be for those sailors who traditionally wear khakis. The new uniform was described as a "throwback" by the Navy Times because it was worn during World War II, but was shelved during the Vietnam War era. The new jacket will be used in order to distinguish Chiefs and Officers from the junior enlisted personnel. Additionally, ribbons will be worn on the jacket, not on the shirt, but the rank insignia will continue to be worn on the shirt collar. This uniform will not replace any uniforms, but it can be worn instead of the khaki uniform, service dress blues, and service dress whites.

Around the Armory

Thank You and Farewell to LT Brian Lubitz

MIDN 1/C Hodgins, USNR

The conclusion of the Fall 2008 semester will mark the end of a near- three year tour as a class advisor and staff member at UNC-Chapel Hill Naval ROTC Battalion for LT Brian Lubitz. LT Lubitz, a 2000 graduate of the United States Naval Academy (USNA), will be transitioning to the civilian sector in the Private Wealth Management division of Goldman Sachs after serving more than eight years in the US Navy as a P-3 pilot.

LT Lubitz has served UNC: Chapel Hill and the US Navy with unfaltering devotion and commitment. He has been devoted to leaving a positive legacy for those who will follow in his footsteps and has accomplished that goal. He often remarks that one of his goals as a Midshipmen Advisor was to ensure that his Midshipmen strove to be better than the best and to daily earn their right to wear the bars that will one day be pinned on their shoulders. The lofty goals he sets for Midshipmen have directly resulted in a positive change in the initiative of Midshipmen leaders and the notion of teamwork within the Battalion.



One of the most recognized pilots in the aviation community, LT Lubitz's illustrious and exciting naval career included time as a Captain of the USNA Varsity men's soccer team, privilege of being one of the first pilots to fly in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and in support of the victims of the 2004 tsunami. Despite these accomplishments, LT Lubitz still adamantly declares that his loving wife and two daughters are far and above the highlights of his life. LT Lubitz's passion and devotion to the NROTC program will be greatly missed, but the Midshipman Battalion wishes him and his family a safe and enjoyable move and future! Thank you, LT Lubitz, and best of luck!

ROTC Units Salute Veterans

MIDN 2/C Tessmann, USNR

Anyone who walked by Memorial Hall on the morning of 11 November were witnesses to a sight uncommon to the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. All three ROTC Units were standing in formation in dress uniforms next to the Veterans' Memorial, "Carolina Alumni Memorial in Memory of Those Lost in Military Service." In front of them, rows of chairs were filled with veterans and spectators. All these people gathered together to honor the veterans of UNC-CH and all of the United States military.

It was a short but meaningful ceremony, with veterans in attendance who fought in conflicts ranging from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The keynote speaker was Captain Charles M. Gibson, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Meridian. He spoke about the importance of honoring veterans for their service, saying that the degree to which veterans received respect in a nation often affects the disposition of the eligible population towards military service. His speech was followed by recognition of all veterans present, who were asked to stand as the conflict in which they fought were called. After this the four service anthems were played and all were invited to attend a reception hosted by the UNC College of Arts and Sciences.

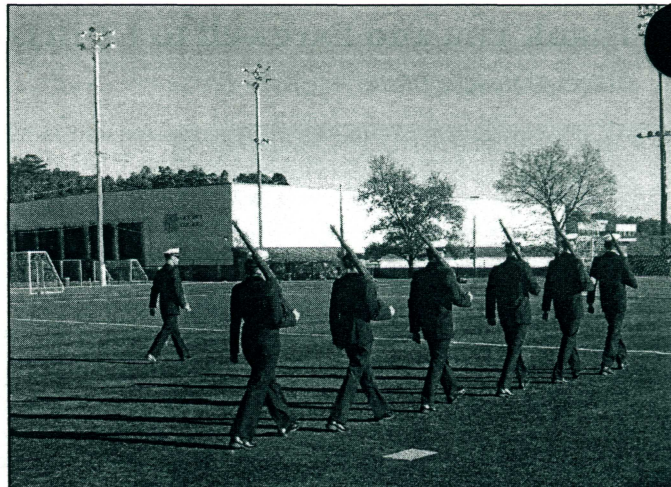


Every midshipmen and cadet found the speaker and overall experience motivating. The ceremony provided a fitting recognition and thanks for those who have and are now serving in the nation's armed forces, those who are preparing to serve in the ROTC programs, and highlighted the importance of supporting them all wholeheartedly.

2008 Squad Drill Competition

MIDN 4/C Morine, USNR

During several of our Thursday labs, the UNC-Chapel Hill Naval ROTC unit has practiced drill on the intramural fields. While other students were frolicking on the field, midshipmen were practicing drill manual. The squad leaders would correct their squad and practice calling drill. Some midshipmen used this time to refresh their memories, but the 4/C were using this time to better prepare themselves for the Tulane Drill Meet in February. We learned how to properly execute several different marching movements and how to keep in step with the cadence. Finally, the midshipmen's skills were put to the test with a drill competition between the squads. Each squad was judged on their ability to perform basic drill and marching movements by Gunnery Sergeant Cuellar. Every squad did well and there were no major blunders. All of the midshipmen enjoyed learning and practicing these valuable drilling techniques.



2nd squad competing in the Unit Drill Competition

UNC-NROTC's Drill Team

MIDN 2/C Martin, USNR

Every year, a new group of 4/C midshipmen arrive at UNC-Chapel Hill, knowing nothing about the art and science of close-order drill. It falls to the drill team commander and his trusty aides to instill in them the necessary precision and attention to detail that will make them winners at the annual Tulane University NROTC Drill Competition in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year, I am the drill team commander, and I aided by 3/C Williams and 1/C Bower. Being the drill team commander this year has proved both rewarding and infuriating. It is rewarding because I will see the hard work of both myself and the 4/C pay off on their way to becoming "drill masters." It is infuriating when it seems that everything learned the prior week went in one ear and out the other.

During this semester, we have practiced every Wednesday night after study hall. Initially, practices consisted of simply teaching the 4/C how to correctly execute facing movements. I found it amazing how something that has become second nature to me could be so very difficult to teach. Trying, however, to teach marching manual has proved exponentially harder. I couldn't believe the level of difficulty in teaching and calling marching manual. Not only was I having to teach people who have never marched a day in their lives, I was also trying to learn all of the nuances of commanding drill and perfecting my own style of command.

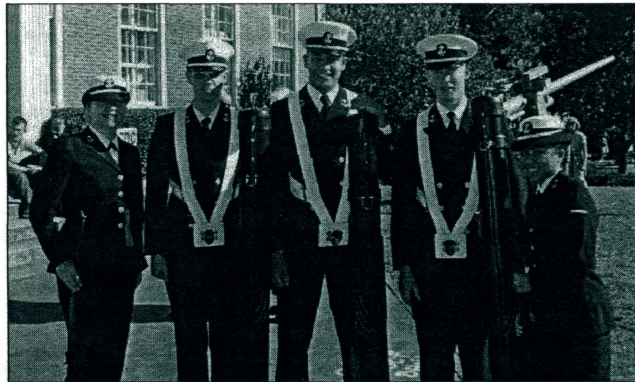
Overall, being drill team commander this semester has been one of the most rewarding billets that I have held while at the UNC-CH Naval ROTC unit. The entire drill team strives continuously to perfect not only the conduct of drill, but also to use the teachings of drill, attention to detail and professionalism, in our everyday lives.

UNC-NROTC's Color Guard

MIDN 3/C Williams, USNR

As most people know, getting tickets to a Carolina home basketball game is always a challenge, but there is one sure fire way to get tickets: join the UNC-Chapel Hill Naval ROTC Color Guard. Every year, the color guard has the opportunity to present the national colors at center court for several basketball and football games. This year's basketball games include: Clemson, Kentucky, and Miami.

Color guard is a great opportunity for the NROTC to be represented and seen on campus. It is nice to have friends approach you after the game and tell you they saw you on the court or field and were screaming your name. As the color guard prepares for the approaching basketball season, they have also begun practice for the upcoming Tulane Drill Competition. At Tulane, the color guard competition is one of several that contributes to the school's overall score. This year's color guard is expected to do well at the competition. Other color guard events include the Fall Ball Color Guard, and participation in the Veteran's Day Joint Color Guard. It is very rewarding to be the color guard commander. I have learned a lot, and have had an opportunity to lead my fellow midshipmen.



Members of the UNC-NROTC colorguard

November Events

2008 Toys for Tots Drive

SSgt Lopez, USMC

Each year, The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation relies on the generous donations of the American public and our corporate partners to deliver gifts to children. Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 pilot project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Marine Reserve Center was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948.

The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children." Bill Hendricks, a Marine Reservist on weekends, was in civilian life, the Director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio. This enabled him to convince a vast array of celebrities to support Toys for Tots. In 1948, Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots logo, which we use today. Disney also designed the first Toys for Tots poster used to promote the nationwide program. Nat "King" Cole, Peggy Lee, and Vic Damone recorded the Toys for Tots theme composed by Sammy Fain and Paul Webster in 1956. Bob Hope, John Wayne, Doris Day, Lorrie Morgan, Tim Allen, Kenny Rogers and Billy Ray Cyrus are but a few of the long list of celebrities who have given their time and talents to promote Toys for Tots. First Lady Nancy Reagan served as the national spokesperson in 1983. First Lady Barbara Bush served as the national spokesperson in 1992 and in her autobiography named Toys for Tots as one of her favorite charities.

In 1995, the Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official activity of the U.S. Marine Corps and an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve. Despite the trauma the nation experienced as a result of the attacks in New York City and Washington, DC, the economic downturn and the anthrax scare, the 2001 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign was the second best in the previous 54 year history of the program. Local campaigns were conducted in 388 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. This was the most extensive coverage to date.

Over the 60 years of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, Marines have distributed more than 370 million toys to more than 173 million needy children. This charitable endeavor has made U.S. Marines the unchallenged leaders in looking after needy children at Christmas. Over its 16 year life span, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supplemented local toy collections with more than 70.2 million toys valued at more than \$387 million; plus has provided promotion and support materials valued at over \$4.7 million¹. This number, however, can not be fully appreciated until one receives a "Thank You" from a child that receives a toy for Christmas. Ultimately, that is what the military is here for, to help people that need it.

¹ All these numbers were gathered from the 2007 Toys for Tots Foundation website.

Results of 2008's toy drive:

Toys Donated: 855

Money Collected: \$2,004.67

Thank you all for all your support!!!



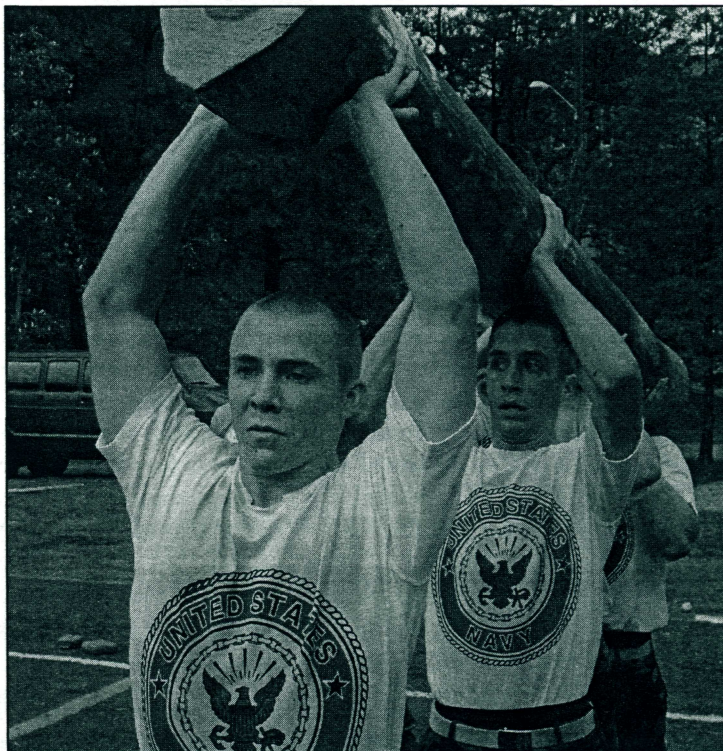
Sea Trials

The Final Step to Integration in the Unit

MIDN 3/C Kantarakias, USNR

Future officers need to possess both physical and mental courage. Sea Trials is an annual event for the NROTC units from the North Carolina Consortium and is an initiation process for the fourth-class into their respective NROTC units. On Saturday 15 November 2008, ten midshipmen from UNC-Chapel Hill and thirteen midshipmen from Duke University participated in a grueling five-hour long morning of intense physical training, a written exam that test the knowledge that new midshipmen are required to learn their first semester in NROTC, and an inspection by Captain Fleming. Sea Trials is meant to push each individual to their limit, testing their ability to function while under stress, pressure, and fatigue. This year, Sea Trials included events such as Log PT, Rifle PT, a hike with packs, a written test, Swim PT, and ultimately an inspection in their Service Dress Blues.

At 0730, all twenty midshipmen stepped off, doubling-timing it from the Naval Armory to Ehringhaus Field located on south campus. Here, the young midshipmen discovered the muscle-burning experience of Rifle Pt, an assortment of upper body and lower body exercises with the aid of a roughly 12-pound M-16 dummy rifle. Shortly following this station, was Log PT where the midshipmen continued to workout with a log until muscle failure, allowing mind over matter to be evaluated. UNC and Duke battled it out as both schools competed to see who could run the fastest back to the Armory with a log on their shoulder.



The 4/C doing log PT during Sea Trials

After the Log and Rifle PT, the 4/C took the written exam. They were given an hour to complete this test. The written portion of Sea Trials is meant to assess the amount of knowledge that each midshipmen has learned during their first semester here at UNC or Duke. (Try your hand at a couple sample questions on the next page—see how you would line up.)

Sea Trials did not stop there. After the completion of the knowledge test, the midshipmen strapped on a 35-pound rucksack and hit the bricks in a short, but brisk hump to Bowman Grey pool. Upon arriving at the pool, every midshipman stripped themselves of their boots and jumped into the pool adorned in full cammies. The long awaited Swim PT had a wide-range of activities, including survival tactics and jumps, buddy drags, and races for more than an hour.

When this fun came to an end, the midshipmen quickly changed over into their Service Dress Blues and made their way back up to the Amory for an inspection by Captain Fleming. After the inspection, the midshipmen were brought to Hill Hall for a ceremony which marked the completion of Sea Trials. The entire battalion was at the ceremony to welcome the 4/C into the battalion.

Sea Trials is meant to push every individual so they can discover and exceed their own limits. Young men and women cannot possibly be expected to be successful leaders if they do not know their own capabilities. On Saturday, every midshipman discovered the strength of their will. They know what they are good at and what they need to work on. This day was filled with intensity, challenges, and pain. The 4/C should be proud for completing this hurdle and should remember the many lessons they learned.

Sea Trials—Knowledge Sampler

Here are a few questions that were on the knowledge examination on Sea Trials. Test yourself and see if you would have been prepared for Sea Trials...

1. Which of the ten unified commands' area of responsibility includes the Middle East and who is its commander? *Central Command (CENTCOM); General Petraeus*
2. Midshipmen on Summer Cruise are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). True or False? *True*
3. State the primary mission of the AEGIS weapon system? *Networking (total weapon system, from detection to kill; able to perform search, track, and missile guidance simultaneously)*
4. What ship that was the first of its kind was commissioned 8 NOV? *LCS 1, USS Freedom (Littoral Combat Ship)*
5. State one difference in capability and one visual difference between an F/A-18 Hornet and a F/A-18 Super Hornet?
*-Super Hornet has longer range, aerial refueling capability, and increased survivability/lethality.
 -It is longer and skinnier; has square intakes versus the round intakes of the Hornet.*

1/C Service Selections

While the 4/C completed several hurdles to becoming officially a part of the unit, the 1/C learned what challenges lay ahead of them once they commission. Congratulations to you all!

1/C Evan Bower	Aviation
SSgt Herman Davis	USMC (Ground)
1/C Rebecca DeMore	USMC (Aviation)
1/C Robert Driver	Surface Warfare
1/C Chet Fearon	Aviation
1/C Christen Hayes	Surface Warfare
1/C George Hodgin	Special Warfare
1/C Dre Johnson	Surface Warfare
1/C Jordan Kennedy	Aviation
1/C David Pardue	USMC (Ground)
1/C John Powell	USMC (Ground)
1/C Holly Santos	Surface Warfare (Engineering Option)
1/C Russ Spitler	Aviation
1/C Liz VanCott	Medical Corps

Point

3/C Perspective on Sea Trials

MIDN 3/C Stratton, USNR

A year ago, PQS and Sea Trials began the day I received my thick and intimidating knowledge packet and lengthy qualification card. Despite appearing to be an impossible task, I, along with my fellow classmates, passed Sea Trials and became full members of the UNC- Chapel Hill Naval ROTC Battalion. This year, PQS and Sea Trials began for me when I was named to PQS Staff at the end of last semester, before we even knew who our future 4/C would be. And my Sea Trials experience this year as a 3/C, particularly as one of PQS Staff, has been a totally different one.

The stress and worry I felt last year, in my efforts to finish my qualification card, were replaced by stress and worrying, not for myself, but for the 4/C who were soon to become members of the ROTC family. It was no longer about cramming as much Navy knowledge into my head as I could, and more about making sure that the 4/C were not only actually learning the information, but learning the right information. In a strange reversal, I went from being the 4/C who was arranging meetings with upperclassmen to get my qualifications signed off, to the 3/C who was being called to meet and go over information—the one who was signing off on qualifications.

Last year, I stressed about the written test I would take that would determine if I would finally become a full member of the battalion. This year, I stressed about what type of questions I would be putting on the test I was writing. Were the questions too hard? Were the questions hard enough? Did I write enough questions for the given amount of time? Did I write too many? Would they really know how long regulations mandate that a Marine's belt be from buckle to tip, or what the designator is for a Special Warfare Officer?

Last year, I think I probably woke up about fifty times in the middle night before Sea Trials. My day began early, with a quick breakfast, a last minute check that I had all the necessary uniforms and a nervous walk to the armory to ride the bus over to Duke. This year the day began much the same - just as early, though it did not follow a restless sleep. Again I ate a quick breakfast, made sure I had all the uniforms I needed and walked over to the armory to begin set up. This year instead of being the one made to do Rifle PT and Log PT, I stood off to the side making sure that everything was running smoothly.

During the written test last year, I was frantically trying to answer as many questions as I could, recall all that information I had spent so long learning, throw back my Gatorade and banana and make a head call within the given time. This year, I spent the time during the test at the front of the room proctoring the test I had carefully written weeks before, letting the 4/C know how much time they had left and reminded them to drink their Gatorades, eat their bananas and make a head call.

Last year, as soon as I was out the door, the test was out of my mind and I was on to the next event of the day, the pack hike. This year, while the 4/C trudged up and down Chapel Hill, I spent the time grading their tests, breathing a sigh of relief with each test I graded - phew, they passed and did well...but not too well. And yes, most did know that regulations mandate a Marine's belt be two to four inches from buckle to tip, but no, most did not know that the designator for a Special Warfare Officer is 113X.

Last year, I thought it was stressful trying to through Sea Trials; this year I realized it's just as stressful to try and get ten new 4/C through Sea Trials, just in a different way. Talk about a whole new kind of responsibility. Luckily, in the end, all my worrying was for naught, and I am pleased to join the rest of the battalion in welcoming in all ten of our 4/C into the Carolina NROTC family.



4C push through the Sea Trial tribulations

Counterpoint

4/C Perspective

MIDN 4/C Zeberlein, USNR

Even with all the morning Physical Training sessions, the NAVS 101 class, Study Hall hours, the Thursday Labs, 7-hour Stadium Cleanups, and various other activities, one commitment stood out as the single most time consuming for fourth-class: PQS. At the beginning of the first NAVS class, all 4/C Midshipmen were given a dauntingly thick packet containing more information on the Navy than we could hope to comprehend. We were told that at the end of the semester we were to know everything in it. After getting off to a slow start, we started to realize the magnitude of this project.



MIDN 4/C Nemetz practice the buddy drag with rifles in the swimming portion of Sea Trials with MIDN 4/C Morine

Our guide, a supplementary packet with many lines for signatures, specified what we had to know about each subject. The packet included information on everything from Uniform Regulations to weapons systems on a DDG 51, from the Articles in the Code of Conduct to the training schedule for Marines. Knowledge of General Orders, weapons systems, ships, jets, helicopters, insignia, and warfare communities inundated the minds of the overwhelmed 4/C for the entire semester. And if that wasn't enough, upperclassmen were looking over our shoulders every week, checking our progress and signing our packets.

The general consensus of the fourth class of PQS was that of frustration and stress. We had regular school to deal with, football games to attend, and lives to lead, and PQS was constantly at the back of our minds, "*How many signatures do I need this week?*", "*Which subjects are the easiest to get without studying?*" So naturally, we all ended up with the hardest section last: ships. A long, intimidating list of ships such as the CV, CVN, DDG, CG, LHA, LHD, LCC, LCAC, RHIB, and more was all that stood between each fourth class and freedom the last week before PQS was due. We had to know the class, the weapons systems, and the aircraft associated with each ship—sorting this material in our heads was no easy task.

However, a warm feeling of relief swept over the 4/C as we finished the packets one-by-one. And, following a week of review, then came the light at the end of the tunnel: Sea Trials. After a physically draining morning of running and PT, we sat in the classroom, anxious to test what we have been studying for so long. And in the end, it was worth it. MIDN 4/C Morris noted, "It wasn't fun to study so often, but it was definitely worth it for the test." The constant reminders to study and get more signatures, initially perceived as nagging, served us well on 15 NOV 2008, as we all passed the test, and subsequently, Sea Trials. Our reward of the Battalion PT shirt, The Art of War by Sun Tzu, a certificate, and Wardroom privileges were well received by the relieved 4/C, who look back on their accomplishments with a sense of pride.

Meet the 2/C

Future Unit Leaders

MIDN 2/C Alex Bowman, USNR

What is your intended major?

Biology (BS)

What is your intended service selection?

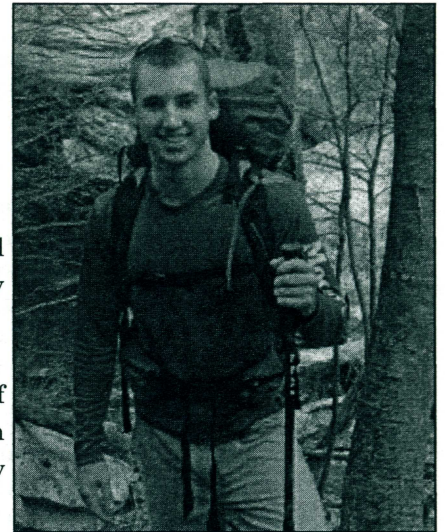
Surface Warfare or Aviation

What has studying abroad this semester taught you?

Living abroad has given me an even greater appreciation for the United States of America. It is amazing to see and experience how the many luxuries of everyday life are taken for granted in our country.

If you could meet one person, who would it be and why?

Sir William Wallace. He is the epitome of an inspirational leader, a man of exceptional courage, charisma, nobility, and strength. He is portrayed in the movie Braveheart as a true "bad-a**" and as a man with many experiences and lessons to learn from.



MIDN 2/C Roarke Coley, USNR

What is your intended major?

Exercise and Sports Science

What is your intended service selection?

Special Warfare or United States Marine Corps

How do you think being an officer will be different from being enlisted?

Being an officer will mean taking a different leadership role. As an enlisted Non-Commissioned Officer you are the first person in the chain of command for your unit. You deal more directly with the other enlisted personnel, and have to set a good example for troops of lesser rank. As an NCO you want to be able to handle any situation at the lowest level possible, so you need to be accessible so that the personnel you are responsible for can come to you when they need to. Being an officer you need to be able to take a step back, and let your enlisted NCO's lead while you take more of a supervisory role. As an officer you need to set a high standard in yourself and in your NCO's, so that they have the confidence to lead the NCO's below them, and the NCO's can lead the troops. An officer should be approachable by anyone in the unit, but should also know when to direct someone to use the proper chain of command.

If you could meet one person, who would it be and why?

Marcus Luttrell- He was the only Navy SEAL that survived Operation REDWING, after being ambushed by 200 Taliban fighters. Even though he was badly wounded, he was still able to walk and crawl seven miles to escape enemy capture, and survived for six days until his rescue. He was awarded a Purple Heart and the Navy Cross.

MIDN 2/C Mary Beth Holder*What is your intended major?*

Biology (BS)

What is your intended service selection?

Surface Warfare

What is your billet this semester, and what has it taught you?

This semester I was the Academics Officer for our battalion. Although it was not a very visible role within the platoon, it taught me to be a little more authoritative. The hardest part about this billet was figuring out how to oversee the 1/C without overstepping my bounds. It was hard to call out someone who I know has been here longer than I have and has had more experience with leadership roles, but sometimes you have to suck it up and do it. After all, our first day on the job we are expected to lead chiefs and gunnery sergeants who have been in the Navy for 20 years.

If you could meet one person, who would it be and why?

I would like to meet Lance Armstrong. He's made such an impact on society and he's been through so much.

**MIDN 2/C Randall Martin, USNR***What is your intended major?*

History (BA) with a concentration in Ancient/Medieval History

What is your intended service selection?

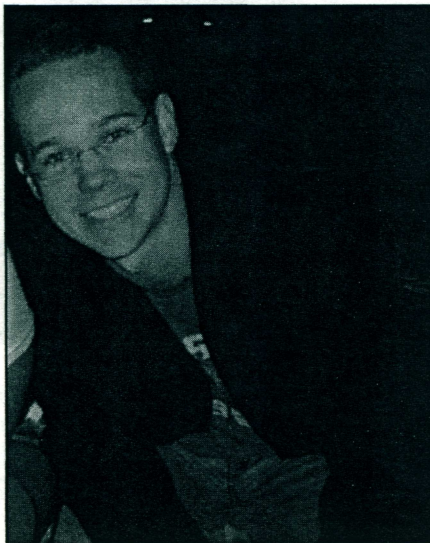
Surface Warfare

What is your billet this semester, and what has it taught you?

I have been fortunate enough this semester to have multiple billets, including Squad Leader, Drill Team Commander, and PQS/Sea Trials MIC. Being a squad leader taught me how to be responsible for not only myself, but a squad of eight people as well. Being the MIC of PQS and Sea Trials allowed me to learn more about the administration side of NROTC. Finally, being the Drill Team Commander has taught me command presence and helped me find my voice in the Battalion.

If you could meet one person, who would it be and why?

I would meet Lycurgus, the lawgiver of Sparta. I would like to ask him how he was able to make the Spartans the most formidable fighting force the ancient world had ever known.

**MIDN 2/C Spenser Tessmann, USNR***What is your intended major?*

Peace, War, and Defense

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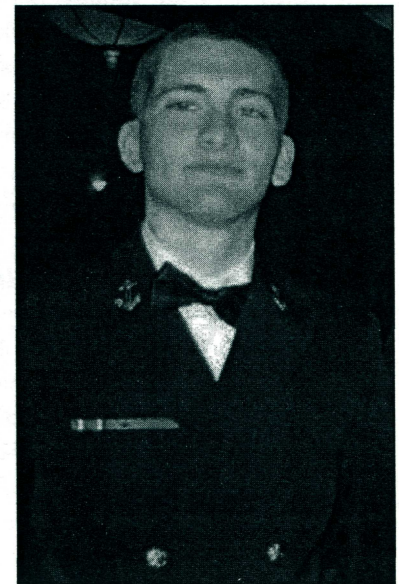
Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)

What is your billet this semester, and what has it taught you?

Being a squad leader taught me how to better deal with subordinates on a personal level, as well as organize people to accomplish tasks. Evaluating my squad helped me to see what I can always improve in myself through observing others. I'm looking forward to expanding my knowledge in this coming Spring as Academics Chief.

If you could meet one person, who would it be and why?

I'd most like to meet RADM Michael P. Tillotson. He is the first EOD officer to become a flag officer. I would be very interested to learn how his development as an officer progressed and the things he has learned over his many years of experience in the Navy's smallest community. Also, I would ask about the things he has done to excel in an area of the Navy where careers of his duration and level are uncommon and very difficult to attain.



Meet our New MECEPs

The Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) allows Marines who meet certain criteria to get a bachelors degree and commission as Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps. This semester, two Marines with extremely impressive credentials have joined the UNC-CH NROTC battalion!

SSgt Cesar A. Lopez

Intended Field of Study:

I originally wanted to be a Business Major; however, due to the length of that degree path, my decision has changed to Management and Society with a Minor in Entrepreneurship. I realized that my short term goal was to become a Marine Corps Officer, and that I wanted to get there as soon as possible. Changing Majors has allowed me to cut a whole semester of classes, which means I will be an officer in six months sooner than anticipated. Also, Management and Society is an interdisciplinary Major which combines the areas that I am very interested in as Business, Economics and Psychology. I plan on getting my MBA later on in my career.

Favorite Quote:

My favorite quote is from a now retired Master Sergeant. He quoted a German writer named Johann Wolfgang von Goethe: "Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."

Favorite Duty Station:

My favorite duty station is probably Camp Pendleton, CA. I love the beach, the weather, the people and the cities around it.

Biography:

I came in the Marine Corps in July of 2000. I joined because my life was not heading on the right direction and college was not something I saw in my near future. I decided on the Marine Corps because my older brother had joined the Army and I wanted to take it up a notch. I went in expecting a great challenge and lots of experience, so far I have not been disappointed. My brother and I, along with my uncle, who served in the Peruvian Navy as an officer, are the only ones in my family with any military service.

I was fortunate as far as picking up rank went, I received my first three promotions (PFC, Lance Corporal and Corporal) meritoriously (Marines who demonstrate outstanding performance can be promoted meritoriously). I spent almost four years as a Sergeant before I became a Staff Sergeant in January of 2008.

From 2003 to 2008, I have been deployed to Japan, Italy, and Iraq twice, once during the invasion and the second to Fallujah. In 2005 I had the chance to aid Katrina victims in New Orleans and Slidell, Louisiana. All these deployments and experiences have taught me many valuable lessons and have showed me a kind of leadership that I hope to portray and enhance once I become a Marine Corps Officer.

Differences between being enlisted and being an officer:

Aside from having to buy new and expensive uniforms, the hardest thing about becoming an officer will be going back to the bottom of the food chain. Although it is not necessarily a "starting over" process, it might feel like that for at least the first months. I am going to have to prove my competence and leadership skills all over again to my superiors in order to be regarded as reliable. From there the sky is the limit. I have seen good and bad officers throughout my career. I have learned from every single one of them. An officer needs to be the one that leads by example in every facet of a mission. They need to be able to know the right decision and have enough character to accept failure. Being enlisted has given me plenty of unique experience to be able to look at the world from both ends of the spectrum. I love to lead, and I can't wait to be out there influencing these young kids and finding out what they have to offer.



SSgt Nicholas A. King

Intended Field of Study:

My intended major is still a little uncertain, but I am considering Management and Society.

Favorite Quote:

As for a favorite quote it is difficult to choose, but one is by Chesty Puller, "We're surrounded. That simplifies the problem."

Favorite Duty Station:

So far my favorite duty station was Iwakuni, Japan since I was able to enjoy the food and culture around me. I found it far more enjoyable than Okinawa because I was more immersed in the foreign country than if I would have been at a larger American base.

Biography:

I was born in Buffalo, New York on May 6, 1982, and remained in the western New York area until my enlistment. I enlisted into the delayed-entry program at age seventeen on August 20, 1999 and departed for boot camp on August 2, 2000. I

was meritoriously promoted to PFC upon graduation for my high scores and level of performance. I attended the School of Infantry at Camp Geiger before reporting to Marine Corps Engineer School (MCES) for my occupational training. I served as a squad leader and was awarded for high physical training. I reported to 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd FSSG on March 21, 2001. While there I was meritoriously promoted to Lcpl and Cpl, and won Marine of the Quarter and Marine of the Year. I served as the Quality Control NCO in the utilities section specializing in water purification equipment and attended journeymen school, martial arts instructor course, and NBC monitor survey team.

I deployed to Kuwait on December 27, 2002 to unload the black bottom ships and stage equipment for the ensuing war. We later moved to several different camps throughout Kuwait and Iraq providing support. While in theater I was the company guide, NCOIC (Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge) of the water platoon, served as a convoy commander several times, and was on the NBC react platoon, which tested for chemical agents every time a bomb went off. I returned from Iraq in October of 2003. I was promoted to Sergeant in November 2003 and reenlisted. I served for another six months at 2nd Maintenance Battalion before reporting to MWSS (Marine Wing Support Squadron) 171, Iwakuni, Japan for one year. In Japan, I served as the NCOIC of water section and platoon Sergeant for numerous deployments, to include Camp Fuji, Okinawa, Operation Foul Eagle in South Korea.

I returned to the continental United States to serve as an instructor to entry level Marines at MCES. I spent three years training and instructing the future of my MOS. During my time there, I completed my Associate in Arts degree from Campbell University, the master instructor program, and state and federal journeyman papers as a water treatment plant operator.

My original intention was to apply for the Warrant Officer program, but my Company Commander suggested that I try to get a commission because he felt that I would excel. At first I scoffed at the idea, but when a Marine in my MOS was selected for MECEP, the idea of getting a commission became more realistic. I spent a day reading all the orders for enlisted to officer programs, and decided that MECEP was the best fit. After I was selected for the MECEP, I had a two month detour in Quantico, Virginia for preparatory school and now I currently am one of three active-duty Marines in the NROTC Battalion.

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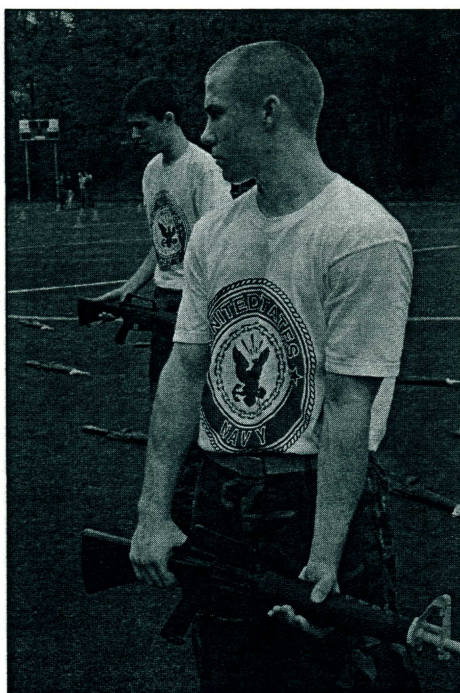
I realized I wanted to be a Marine Officer so I would have more responsibility with greater challenges and rewards throughout my career. The hardest thing I expect to experience as transitioning to an Officer will be that I have to step back and allow my NCO's and SNCO's to lead the troops in their daily functions.



The Unit Out and About



New 2008 Semper Fi Socieity initiates



MIDN 4/C Miller and MIDN 4/C Morine do rifle PT during Sea Trials



The 1/C celebrate their service selections



2/C Holder, 1/C Santos, and 1/C VanCott at Fall Ball



SSgt King, SSgt Lopez, and SSgt Davis flash a smile at the Marine Corps Birthday Dinner



MIDN and friends enjoying the last tailgate of the season

Good Bye and Good Luck!

Farewell to MIDN 1/C Driver and Fearon

MIDN 3/C Maykovich, USNR

On 13 December, MIDN 1/C Driver, will graduate with a B.S. degree in Mathematics and will commission as a Surface Warfare Officer. MIDN 1/C Fearon will graduate with a B.A. in Communications and will commission as a Student Naval Aviator. They have both contributed extensively to the success of the UNC-Chapel Hill Naval ROTC unit. As their time at UNC-CH comes to close, they answered these questions:

What are your fleet expectations?

MIDN Driver: I expect life as a newly commissioned officer in Surface Warfare to be an awesome experience. I think going from college and ROTC to the fleet will be an extreme transition, but nonetheless a transition that I have been working towards for the last three and a half years. I am honored to serve my country and I can't wait to get out to the fleet!

MIDN Fearon: I am not really sure what the fleet is going to be like. Because I am headed to another training command I expect that I will face similar challenges to those I have faced in NROTC. I try not to have too many expectations though, because I feel that if I don't have expectations, then I can't be disappointed.



MIDN 1/C Driver and 1/C Fearon enjoying their last Fall Ball

What will you miss about NROTC?

MIDN Driver: Because I am graduating in December, I won't get to commission and graduate with my peers who I have been with since freshman orientation. We have been through some awesome times since the fall of 2005 until now. I will definitely miss all of my classmates. I wish great luck to the class of '09.

MIDN Fearon: I will miss being a part of a small unit and being able to train and mentor those people around me. I will always cherish the experiences that I have had and the people I have met.

Do you have any advice for midshipmen?

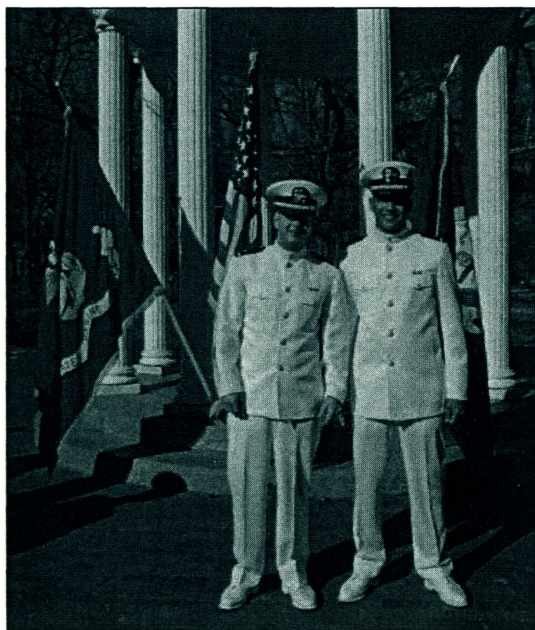
MIDN Driver: First, make the most of your experiences, because the more you put in, the more you get out. Second, have fun—college is the best time of your life, so have fun while you are here. Third, get good grades—calculus isn't THAT hard; take geography and exercise and sports science classes. Finally, work out—the SRC is free and you can't get tickets to the 'gun show' PT-ing twice a week!

MIDN Fearon: Get involved. Join clubs and make friends outside of NROTC. There are AMAZING people and opportunities here at Carolina. Take advantage of what this place has to offer and live your life with no regrets. Also, in the words of LT Andy Baldwin, "Have perspective; have a beer" (if you are 21, of course).

Commissioning Two Ensigns



Ensigns and their families



The two new Ensigns showing off their new butter bars



Midshipmen show their support for Ensign Driver and Ensign Fearon

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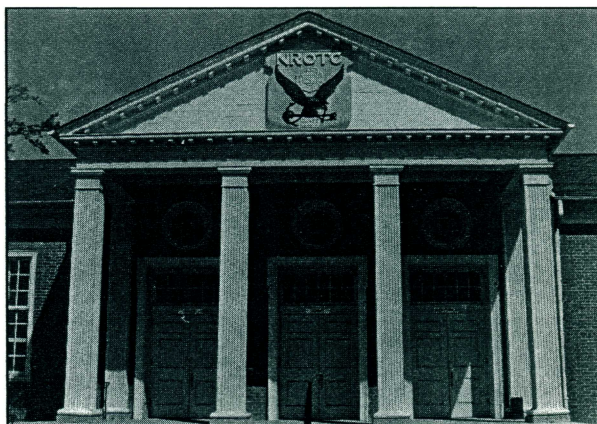
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