HALFWAY THROUGH
WORKING HARD, MAKING MEMORIES

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Nearly half of the semester has gone by and the battalion has already passed through some of the more challenging times it will face. We accomplished our first four stadium cleanups without incident and executed them swiftly and efficiently. The battalion has already adapted quickly to the physical training schedule and academic requirements set out by the midshipman staff, and continues to fulfill those policies.

As we move into the final months of the semester, though, our academic and professional loads will increase. With a full schedule of activities, including several more stadium cleanups and other battalion activities, it will be tempting to let the essentials slip away. I encourage each member of the battalion to persevere through these tough times. Lt.Col. Bryan McCoy, former commanding officer of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, in his book The Passion of Command, encourages his Marines to learn the “brilliance in the basics.” For infantry Marines, the basics include marksmanship and combat drills. For midshipmen here, our basics are more simple: attend required physical training, meet study hall requirements, etc. It is our ability to continue to complete basic tasks, even when our environment becomes stressful, that will lead us to success.

The battalion is already well on its way. While November will have many Naval ROTC-related events, these are not without eventual reward. Fall Ball allowed us a relaxing time to interact with our sister units at North Carolina State University and Duke University. Stadium cleanups will give us the opportunity to compete at the Tulane University drill competition in the spring.

Remember, keep your eyes on the goal. Semper Fi!

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The Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

- Gunnery Sergeant Cuellar

MIDN of the Month

- MIDN 3/C Stratton

Academic Excellence

- Must have 3.5 semester GPA
  - MIDN 3/C Williams

Academic Achievement

- Must have 3.25 semester GPA
  - MIDN 3/C Stratton
Real Action Hero

Lt. Andrew Baldwin

MIDN 1/C Fearon

It’s not every day that UNC—Chapel Hill Naval ROTC Midshipmen get the chance to meet an Iron Man triathlete, an award-winning humanitarian, or a television celebrity. On 25 Sept, we got the chance to meet all three in LT Andrew Baldwin. Most people will recognize LT Baldwin from his appearances on the 10th season of ABC’s hit show “The Bachelor”, but we found that there is much more to LT Baldwin than meets the eye.

“Hi, I’m Andrew Baldwin, how can I help you?” This phrase sums up LT Baldwin. He gives full credit for the use of the phrase to his late uncle Tom. His uncle was one of LT Baldwin’s biggest inspirations before he passed away due to pancreatic cancer in 2002. The phrase “really throws people off,” said LT Baldwin, but the message is clear. We can all be doing something to help the people around us. The idea of service and giving back to the community is one that we should all take to heart.

In his short Navy career, LT Baldwin has already accumulated some pretty impressive tours and awards. He attended Duke University on a NROTC scholarship. He graduated in 1999 and was awarded a naval scholarship to attend the University of California in San Francisco School of Medicine. After completing his residency at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, California, LT Baldwin received the opportunity to go to Naval School of Diving & Salvage so that he could become a submarine medical officer. Upon completion of his training, LT Baldwin served a one-year tour with Mobile Diving & Salvage Unit 1 in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During this tour, LT Baldwin was able to visit Laos on a humanitarian mission, during which he provided medical care to over 600 villagers. LT Baldwin says that his experience in Laos was one of the most rewarding of his life.

“You can’t imagine how it feels to put a smile on these people’s faces” said LT Baldwin. This was something he was able to do by often providing the simplest of care. He also gave away his secret for putting smiles on the faces of hundreds of Laotian children: Flintstone Vitamins.

LT Baldwin’s approachability and willingness to answer questions and give advice made him one of the most dynamic and impressive officers that who has visited the unit. LT Baldwin concluded his presentation by giving us one of his most important rules to live by: “Never forget who you are, and who got you here.”
October Events

2008 Fall Ball

MIDN 4/C Miller

Every year, the Naval ROTC midshipmen from UNC-Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, and Duke University celebrate the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps birthdays at the annual Fall Ball. Fall Ball is an event marked on every midshipman’s calendar with anticipation, and is guaranteed to be a night to remember.

This year, midshipmen and active-duty officers arrived looking their finest in their dinner dress blues. Fall Ball began at 1700 with a cocktail hour, when midshipmen were able to converse with their shipmates from Duke and NC State. Old memories were relived and new stories were told as all the midshipmen caught up with each other and those of age enjoyed a beverage or two.

Everyone was seated by 1800, at which time the ceremony began. Scotland The Brave was played on bag-pipes and UNC-CH’s color guard and NC State’s honor guard both did a fabulous job, looking crisp, clean and up to par with the honored tradition of the Navy and Marine Corps. UNC-CH’s color guard brought in our nations colors as all present stood at attention for the playing of Anchors Aweigh, The Marine Corps Hymn, and The Star Spangled Banner. Following this performance, NC State’s honor guard entered in two columns forming the sword arch through which the l/C midshipmen of the North Carolina Piedmont Consortium entered as their names and service selections were announced.

Soon after the 1/c took their seats, dinner was served: salad, bread, and an exquisite entrée of either chicken or steak were thoroughly enjoyed by all those present—the chefs truly came through. More ceremonial traditions followed dinner, such as the cutting of the cake, the Chief of Naval Operations’ and the Commandant of the Marine Corps’ speech via recording, and finally the highlight of the evening: a speech by our guest of honor Maj. Gen. Lehnert. Everyone was honored to be in the presence of Gen. Lehnert, an outstanding Marine who has served our country proudly all over the world for the last three decades. Presently, Gen. Lehnert is serving as the commanding officer at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

Though all of the ceremony and traditions that go with Fall Ball were thoroughly enjoyed, the real fun took place after Lehnert’s speech. The female midshipmen changed into their dresses, and the males threw off their jackets and headed towards the dance floor. Midshipmen and active-duty alike shared the floor, presenting an array of different dance styles, but never the less fun was had by everyone. All those except the shyest danced on into the night, enjoying each other’s company.

The hours passed and the crowd slowly decreased as midshipmen and their guests headed for home. As the last midshipmen walked out the door, the 233rd birthday of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, and another grand Fall Ball, ripe with many new memories, had concluded.
October Events

Alumni Pig Pickin’
MIDN 2/C Holder, USNR

On 25 Oct, the UNC-Chapel Hill Naval ROTC battalion hosted its annual Alumni Cookout at the ROTC Armory. This event followed the UNC-CH football game against Boston College, which resulted in a 45-24 victory for the Tar Heels. Although the weather was a little dreary for the game, the cookout turned out to be a huge success.

Many alumni and families attended this year’s cookout, including several members of the graduating class of 2007. A few of them have just returned from their first deployments, some are in flight school, and others are now division officers on U.S. Navy ships. They were warmly welcomed back to their UNC-CH home by current midshipmen, active duty staff, and NROTC alumni alike. Many of the alumni commented that this was the best cookout they had been to at the ROTC Armory in years.

This year, instead of having the cookout catered, the midshipmen decided to cook a whole pig themselves. A pig cooker was rented, and midshipmen worked tirelessly around the clock to provide North Carolina-style barbecue to all the guests. They began cooking the pig around 0200 on Saturday morning so that the feast would be ready by the time the football game ended. A makeshift bar was even provided so that those of age could enjoy a cold drink. Many visitors also took advantage of the items for sale at a table inside the ROTC Armory.

Thanks to 1/C Powell’s and 3/C Perez’s hard work, this year’s cookout went off without a hitch. Hopefully this event will only continue to improve in the future and even more midshipmen, families, and alumni will want to join in the festivities, especially if UNC-CH football can continue to pull off the victory! Go Heels!

2008 Marine Corps Marathon
MIDN 3/C Williams, USNR

On 26 Oct. 2008, approximately 18,000 people finished the 33rd Marine Corps Marathon. Among those who finished the marathon were seven midshipmen from the UNC-Chapel Hill Naval ROTC battalion. The Marine Corps Marathon is held every year in Washington, D.C. to honor the Marines who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. The course winds its way past Arlington National Cemetery, every major monument and museum in downtown D.C., the new 9/11 Monument at the Pentagon and ends at the Iwo Jima Memorial. Even though 26.2 miles is a long and painful run, completing this marathon is very rewarding. Every mile of the course was lined with spectators, some waving American flags and some holding messages to loved ones. Marines were at every mile marker and water and food stop to offer encouragement to the runners. Many of the runners ran the Marine Corps Marathon not only for themselves, but in memory of someone who severed or died in combat.

The Marine Corps Marathon was one of the most rewarding and motivating experiences of my life. At mile 12, even though I started to “hit the wall,” I continued to push through the pain. The marathon helped me find my limit. I now believe that I can achieve anything I set my mind to. I have proven to myself that I can go farther than I thought possible. The marathon served as a great reminder of the commitment we, as future officers, have made and reaffirmed my desire to serve.
Semper Fidelis Society

MIDN 1/C Powell, USMCR

This year, the Marine Options at UNC-CH have undertaken the rejuvenation of the Semper Fidelis Society. Originally planned as a fraternity to sponsor the camaraderie and preparation of young men and women seeking a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps, UNC-CH's Semper Fi Society has lapsed into relative obscurity over the past few years. Our society is the alpha chapter of a nationwide collection of Semper Fi Societies, and as such, is responsible for coordinating and regulating other members. However, with the recent inactivity of the society at UNC-CH, some key tasks have not been completed. This year however, our society is in the midst of a renewal.

We have been collecting information on the other chapters in the country—some hundred or so—and are preparing to issue official charts and membership cards. These logistical tasks are two elements of the original nationwide charter, which resides in the hallway of the armory, next to GySgt Cuellar's office. We have also sought and received official recognition by the university as a student organization. This is an important pathway to better funding and university webspace, which can be found at http://studentorgs.unc.edu/semperfisociety/.

In addition, the society has collected dues from its members to provide the financial boost needed to realize our goals of national resurgence. Some of these funds will help pay for the U.S. Marine Corps birthday dinner, held every year with great ceremony, on the night of 10 Nov. The remainder of the funds will most likely be used in the spring, when the most critical portion of the society's mission, preparing midshipmen and MECEPs for Officer Candidate School, will take place. In past years, the society has sponsored camping trips, a weekend of training at Camp LeJeune, N.C, and an annual trip to the Citadel's "Bulldog Challenge," an endurance course run in teams of four. Again, the goal of such activities is twofold; not only do they serve as preparation for OCS, but they offer excellent opportunities for bonding between young men and women of similar career inclinations. The U.S. Marine Corps is a small world, and the friendships cemented here are bound not only to last the length of our service, but to follow us wherever we may travel in the years to come.

Leadership Reaction Course

MIDN 3/C Keilman, USNR

Naval ROTC lab on 9 Oct was no ordinary lab. The leadership reaction course saved the midshipmen from "death by PowerPoint." We put on our boots and mobilized to tackle many mental, physical and tactical challenges designed to improve leadership and followership skills.

Decked out in woodland camouflage, complete with boots and imitation M-16 "Rubber Ducky" rifles, we traveled in a column of twos to the rendezvous point: Battle Park. The forest trails allowed many opportunities for missions or ambush! We were broken up into squads and given a direction to go where we would meet up with active-duty officers at a mission point and given a task. However, we could not just charge into the thick woods willy-nilly; caution and fire team formations were the order of the day, lest a stealthy and determined GySgt Cuellar pop up and gun down the squad with his semi-automatic paintball marker! Many careless midshipmen fell to his well-placed shots.

The stations we arrived at were as diverse as they were complicated. Lt. Gerring manned a simple station where mathematical knowledge and problem solving skills won the day. Lt. Lubitz's station simulated a broken bridge with a fallen comrade at the other side, and the use of teamwork, communication and planning to complete the mission safely. 1/C Powell took charge of a station simulating an electric fence surrounded by mines, requiring teamwork and allocation of skills to complete. SSgt Davis' test looked easier that it was; navigation through this web of mined tripwires called for agility and assistance to those with none. Lt. Gramlisch then had us escape from prison over a moat by using only the tools we had on hand and nearby. All the while, of course, the threat of intruders loomed, and we all gained our share of practice creating a safe perimeter and deterring an aggressive and elusive foe.

Even for those who don't enjoy the more active and dirty labs, getting the opportunity to stretch our legs, rather than sit through hours of general military training lectures, was a novel and welcomed experience.
PRK Surgery
*Midn 1/C Bower, USNR*

PhotoRefractive Keratectomy (PRK) is the corneal eye surgery preferred by the Navy and ocular surgeons. Alternative eye surgeries, like laser assisted in situ keratomileusis (LASIK), have quicker recovery times, but are less effective than PRK at sustaining long-term visual correction. A longer recovery time is a small price to pay for acquiring visual acuity. PRK is an effective means to expand one’s career options to include aviation warfare, to reduce financial expenditure on corrective lenses, or just to remove the hassle of wearing “portholes”. I chose to undergo the surgery for all of these reasons, and have not been disappointed in the least. It is a great relief to have all of my career options open to me, and PRK has allowed me to pursue Naval Aviation.

Candidates for PRK can be nearsighted, farsighted, or astigmatic within certain limits. The surgery is performed with an ultraviolet laser on the cornea. The cornea functions as a lens by focusing incoming light upon the retina, which translates images into electrical pulses that can be interpreted by the brain. Poor vision is often caused by imperfections in the shape of the cornea, distorting the image received by the retina. The laser is used to make tiny alterations to the shape of the cornea. By removing the natural imperfections in the cornea, visual acuity can be improved. For the surgery to proceed, a minimum of paperwork must be completed to ensure that the surgery will not be medically disqualifying. Medical clearance following the surgery can be granted in three to six months. Previously, I was horribly nearsighted to the point where I could not discern the exact shape of objects unless they were less than a few feet from me. Post-surgery, my visual acuity has greatly increased and I have no need for visual correction. While my eyes are not yet fully healed, the benefits of PRK are undeniable.

The surgery is relatively quick, taking less than 30 seconds an eye. The patient’s eyes are mapped to identify all imperfections of the cornea, and are corrected by the application of an ultraviolet laser. Vision is immediately improved, but does not reach full effectiveness until months later. There is pain involved with the surgery, but it is mitigated by the application of lubricants, numbing agents, prescription painkillers and sleeping pills. Healing proceeds naturally, but can be greatly aided by the use of ophthalmic steroids and increased amounts of rest. Multiple and frequent follow-up appointments are needed to ensure that the eyes are healing properly, and that no errors occurred during surgery. Success is generally achieved, and vision can be corrected to better than 20/20 in some cases. In my case, PRK has opened the doors to aviation warfare and removed a handicap to my independence.

Combat Fitness Test
*Midn 3/C Maykovich, USNR*

The U.S. Marine Corps is in the initial phase-in period of an addition to the physical fitness test, the combat fitness test (CFT). The CFT is compromised of three events: an 880-yard movement to contact (MTC), an ammunition lift (AL), and a 300-yard maneuver under fire (MANUF). The movement to contact is a run for time while wearing boots and utilities. The AL is a repetitive lift of a 30-pound ammunition can for two minutes. The MANUF is a series of combat related tasks for time, while wearing boots and utilities that include a combat crawl, ammunition resupply, body drag, casualty carry and grenade throw. Currently, the CFT is graded pass/fail and by 1 Oct. 2009, the CFT will be scored based on the data that is gathered during the phase-in period.

The Marine Corps created the CFT to have a physical test that relates more to the rigors of combat. GySgt Cuellar, Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at the UNC-Chapel Hill Naval ROTC, believes that this is a good move.

“The CFT will make Marines focus more on cross-fit workouts, rather than just bettering their pull ups, crunches, and run time. Marines will work out to become the warrior athlete that is needed to be successful in a combat environment,” Cuellar said.

More information on the CFT can be found in Marine Corps publication ALMAR 032/08.
Point

Stadium Cleanups? YES
MIDN 3/C Balance, USNR

Midshipmen face numerous challenges that are never imposed on their civilian counterparts, such as learning to lead, to drill, and to properly wear a uniform. However, this does not mean that they are immune to the normal, everyday dilemmas that other student organizations must solve—like the need for money.

The U.S. Navy only covers the most basic costs of running a Naval ROTC unit, leaving the midshipmen to find other ways to pay for unit activities. Currently, midshipmen at UNC-Chapel Hill clean Kenan Memorial Stadium the Sunday after every home football game as a method of raising funds for annual battalion functions.

Cleaning Kenan Stadium is the best fund-raising method for UNC-CH midshipmen for several reasons: primarily, stadium cleanup limits fundraising to only one semester. The money earned during the fall semester is enough to cover the unit’s yearlong expenses and then some. Such events as Fall Ball, Tulane University drill competition, senior dining-in and commissioning are all paid for with the earnings from stadium cleanup. This leads to less NROTC-specific time demands on midshipmen during the spring semester.

Since more money is earned through stadium cleanup than is needed to cover required events, UNC-CH NROTC can purchase items for midshipmen that the Navy does not cover including additional uniform items, drill rifles, Marine Corps-specific training equipment and pay for recreational events for midshipmen. The additional money allows for NROTC to improve the lives and training conditions for midshipmen.

The most important reason for doing stadium cleanup is arguably the experience of doing an unpleasant job in order to sustain the unit. As future officers, midshipmen must understand that their enlisted sailors and Marines will be doing jobs that are downright unpleasant and be able to relate to them. Having to deal with soggy trash and a hurricane of peanut shells builds character in midshipmen and helps combat the “cushy officer” stereotype.

Here is a general overview of the clean-up effort: The battalion is divided into two different working parties, Alpha and Bravo. Each working party is responsible for cleaning one side of Kenan Stadium. Each party further divides into a “line detail,” which picks up large trash and recycling, and a “blower detail,” which sweeps the stands using leaf blowers to move the smaller trash. Also, two midshipmen from each party is designated as “Gator detail,” which drive small utility vehicles called Gators to move bags of trash, recycling and cardboard to their appropriate disposal sites. Each party works until they meet in the middle of the student section. The remaining trash is then swept up, bagged and thrown away.

Highly anticipated evening games with good weather, such as this season’s game against the University of Notre Dame, generate far more trash than an early game in poor weather against a weak opponent. The causes entire evolution to take between six and ten hours.

With all the benefits of stadium cleanup, it is clearly the best way to fuel the unit with the necessary funds to complete the battalion’s mission and then some.
Counterpoint

Stadium Cleanups? NO
MIDN 1/C Hayes, USNR

This has been an incredible season for UNC-Chapel Hill football. I have never enjoyed the season more, now that we are actually winning games. I, along with most of the midshipmen, have a blast getting wrapped up in the game from beginning until end. However, after every home game, when the stadium finishes belting out the alma mater and the last “Go To Hell, Duke!” of the fight song, I experience a depressing, sinking sensation. I watch the thousands of fans filing out of the stadium, leaving behind their cups, plates, even clothes, that all add up to an incredible amount of trash that we, the midshipmen of UNC-CH Naval ROTC, will have to clean up the following morning.

We wake up the next day by 0700 to arrive at the stadium by 0745. After a quick breakfast, we go straight to work: collecting trash and recycling, blowing the stands clean, and generally tidying up, until the job is done (hopefully around 1500, but the day has been known to last until 1800). Highlights include coming across a box of ice cream bars, which are distributed and serve as a delicious, although nutritionally lacking, lunch. Lowlights most definitely include coming across that cup which you assume is filled with Coke, only to pour it out and discover it was actually a dip cup. The best part of the day is undoubtedly when we break out the brooms and shovels to sweep up the last little bits, because it always marks the homestretch. Finally, the job is done and we leave the stadium cleaner than most students’ dorm rooms. We run home to shower and eat (the order depends on how hungry you are), and then we jump into the massive pile of homework that awaits us for Monday morning.

Stadium cleanup has plagued Fall semester for years; however, under the new system where we are responsible for all the stadium clean-ups in a season, the burden has become considerable. Personally, I have begun to almost dread home games. The amount of time and energy that stadium clean-ups takes out of our weekends can be seen to have an effect on academics and unit morale.

It’s true that stadium clean-ups are a very effective form of fundraising; however, other units are able to sustain themselves without undergoing such trauma. There are several other options which have been proposed but have not come to fruition. For example, instead of working several relatively small stadium cleanups, we could work one big event that would take up only one weekend, such as a NASCAR race or a festival. It would be more work at one time, but we would only sacrifice one weekend. Another option that many units employ is to have every midshipman pay dues to cover unit expenses. Midshipmen could conduct individual fundraising to meet these requirements.

Even within Carolina Athletics, there are many other fundraising options, such as working security, ushering, or working concessions, which are actually a lot of fun and don’t require as much of a time commitment. Or we could have several smaller fundraising efforts throughout the year, such as a 5K, sports tournaments, or fundraising nights on Franklin Street, which could also serve as publicity for the unit. All of these options would require some forethought and planning, but once they were set up, it would take a significant burden off of fall semester, and leave us all more able to enjoy the successes of Carolina football.
Meet the 3/C

One Year Under their Belt...

MIDN 3/C Daniel M. Balance, USNR

What is your intended service selection?
Naval Aviation

What is your intended major?
Journalism

What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
As a 3/C, I have more responsibility and more leadership opportunities.

Favorite Quote:
"All pacifism will get us is a boot to the head and an excellent understanding of the Chinese lexicon." – MIDN 3/C Benjamin Keilman, USNR

MIDN 3/C Matthew Clark, USNR

What is your intended service selection?
Undecided

What is your intended major?
Peace, War, and Defense

What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
As a 3/C, followership starts to become leadership. The skills to become successful have been given to me and now I can share those with the 4/C. I will always learn in order to better myself and others.

Favorite Quote:
"Americans play to win at all times. I wouldn't give a hoot and hell for a man who lost and laughed. That's why Americans have never lost nor will ever lose a war." – George S. Patton

MIDN 3/C Erin Hayes, USNR

What is your intended service selection?
Surface Warfare or Naval Aviation

What is your intended major?
Biochemistry

What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
A lot more responsibility, but also the opportunity to share what I’ve learned over the past year with fellow midshipmen.

Favorite Quote:
"Leadership is based on inspiration, not domination; on cooperation, not intimidation." – William Arthur Wood
Anchors Aweigh

MIDN 3/C Lilly Kantarakias, USNR

What is your intended service selection?
Undecided
What is your intended major?
English
What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
Being a 3/C lands you with more responsibility and more work. This is our chance to actually prove our leadership skills, no matter how slight they may be. We're no longer at the bottom of the barrel.
Favorite Quote:
"I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do
The something that I can do." -Edward Everett Hale

MIDN 3/C Benjamin D. Keilman, USNR

What is your intended service selection?
Undecided
What is your intended major?
Political Science
What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
Life doesn’t suck.
Favorite Quote:
"I wasted time, no doth time wasted me.” –King Richard in Richard II by William Shakespeare
MIDN 3/C Steven Kinsella, USNR

What is your intended service selection?
Surface Warfare

What is your intended major?
International Studies

What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
I think that this year I have been surprised by how much I know. I'm able to help the 4/C do things regarding their uniforms and their knowledge. They come to me and ask questions that I usually have an answer for. I realize that I'm more comfortable with the program and have more confidence in my ability as a midshipman. However, I realize I'm still a long way from being as good as I can be.

Favorite Quote:
"In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility. I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it and the glow from that fire can truly light the world." - John Kennedy's Inaugural address, 20 Jan. 1961

MIDN 3/C Xochitl Maykovich, USNR

What is your intended service selection?
Undecided

What is your intended major?
Peace, War, and Defense, and International Studies

What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
I think the biggest difference is the responsibility. I have more expected of me this year, and I am starting to get a taste of leadership.

Favorite Quote:
Gandhi's Seven Sins of the World
1. Wealth without work
2. Pleasure without conscience
3. Knowledge without character
4. Commerce without morality
5. Science without humanity
6. Worship without sacrifice
7. Politics without principle
MIDN 3/C Fernando Perez, USMCR

What is your intended service selection?
U.S. Marine Corps

What is your intended major?
History and Peace, War, and Defense

What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
The biggest difference is definitely the responsibility. So far this semester I've experienced more responsibility than I did all of last year combined.

Favorite Quote:
"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

MIDN 3/C Erika Stratton, USNR

What is your intended service selection?
Nurse Corps

What is your intended major?
Nursing

What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
It's nice getting to be more involved. As a 3/C, you really get the chance to start organizing things and playing a more proactive role in leadership.

Favorite Quote:
"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes." - Hugh Downs

MIDN 3/C Kaitlyn Williams, USNR

What is your intended service selection?
Surface Warfare (Nuclear)

What is your intended major?
Chemistry

What is the biggest difference between being a 3/C and a 4/C?
The biggest difference between being a 4/C and a 3/C is the level of responsibility. You are expected to act as a mentor to the new 4/C, do well in your own classes and take on new responsibility.

Favorite Quote:
"Be who you want to be, not what others would have you be."
The Unit Out and About

The 4/C enjoying their first Fall Ball

1/C Driver and 1/C Johnson act as grill masters at the Alumni Cookout

1/C Powell surveying his pig pickin' handiwork
1/C Kennedy and 1/C Hayes enjoying a pre-game tailgate

1/C Fearon cutting it loose on the dance floor at Fall Ball

1/C Van Cott, 1/C Pardue, and 1/C Hayes after successfully completing the Marine Corps Marathon

SSgt. Davis and SSgt. Lopez flash the camera a smile at Fall Ball
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