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MIDN practicing drill during Lab

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Message from the Battalion Commander

MIDN 1/C Mary Beth Holder, USNR

CO's Philosophy

Here are a few things I'd like everyone to focus on this fall:

1. Work hard, play hard

We are all here for a reason. We're all intelligent and dedicated to our studies, and we want to serve our country. I expect everyone to have a good year and mix in some fun, but when it's time to work I expect 110% effort. This includes all academic and all Naval ROTC matters.

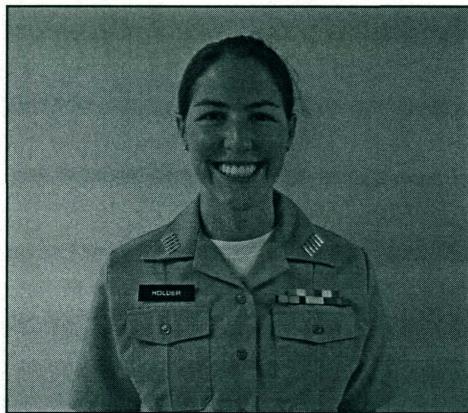
2. Come up with new ideas

NROTC is what you make of it. It's not always fun, and it's not always easy, but every one of you has a voice and can contribute to the well-being and morale of our battalion. If you have a great idea, don't be afraid to share it.

3. Remember why we're here

At first, NROTC may seem like any other club on UNC-Chapel Hill's campus. This is not the case. We are a career-oriented organization. When we graduate, we all have guaranteed jobs, and we're expected to perform up to and beyond standards. Therefore, academics and NROTC must come first at all times. Graduation requires degree completion, and earning a commission in the US Navy or US Marine Corps requires substantial training, both during the school year and during summer cruises. Don't take your eye off the prize.

I am looking forward to a great semester! The Fall is always hectic, especially for the fourth-class, but if we all work together to accomplish our mission, be it a stadium clean-up or beating Army and Air Force at the field meet, we can do anything. I want everyone to put forth an honest effort and work together to create an environment in which we can prepare for commissioning into the US Navy and Marine Corps while still enjoying one another's company. Please respect and utilize the chain of command, but don't be afraid to approach me! I'm here to help you.



MIDN 1/C Mary Beth Holder, USNR

Battalion Commander

9/11 Silent Memorial Run

MIDN 2/C Ben Keilman, USNR

Every year, Americans take time to remember the attack on September 11th; the midshipmen at UNC-Chapel Hill Naval ROTC run in the 9/11 Memorial 5K. Rising with the morning sun, before most students would consider waking up on a Friday, the battalion formed up alongside Army and Air Force ROTC Battalions to participate in their yearly memorial.

Beginning the ceremony with the National Anthem and a moment of silence, Midshipmen and servicemen and women took the time to remember those lost in the horrible attack. A speech was given by Dr. Douglas MacLean recounting the events and the nation's way of handling it, and reminded us of our vulnerabilities, both physical and emotional, and to stay vigilant and strong in this time of war.

Then we set off, with no motivational cadence following. The silent run needed none; the memories of how we felt, most of us only 12 or so, when the World Trade Center were struck were all the motivation we needed. Thus, for 5 kilometers we ran, in somber silence, never having forgotten.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 11—Stadium Cleanup

Oct. 13—Navy Birthday

Oct. 14—Midterm PRT

Oct. 21-25—Fall Break

Oct. 30—Fall Ball

Nov. 7—Sea Trials

Nov. 8—Stadium Cleanup

Nov. 10—USMC Birthday

Nov. 11—Veteran's Day Ceremony

Nov. 12—1/C Striper Boards

2009 Cruise Memories

First-class Aviation Cruise

MIDN 1/C Alex Bowman, USNR

This past summer, I was stationed at NAS Patuxent River with the VX-1 Pioneers, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One (AIRTEVRON ONE), for my 1/C Aviation cruise. VX-1 is not a normal single platform squadron; it is a squadron that consists of many different aircraft used for testing and evaluation of new weapons and operational systems in order to evaluate the best way to employ new technologies. Being stationed with VX-1 was by far the most exhilarating and informative summer training experience yet. While the majority of my friends spent their summer in business offices completing internships and preparing/hoping for a job after college, I spent my summer at the controls of many different platforms of naval aviation. I received hands on instruction in the SH-60 Sea-hawk, P-3 Orion, T-34 Mentor, and T-2 Buckeye. In the SH-60, I flew familiarization flights down the Potomac River and through Washington D.C. at 200 feet, practiced instrument landing approaches at various airfields, and challenged the air crew with various emergency landing procedures and auto-rotations. I logged several flights in the P-3 to various places around the country including Whidbey Island, Washington and Brunswick, Maine. At Whidbey Island, I spent time in the advanced simulator learning takeoff and landing procedures, as well as formation flying and low level reconnaissance. In Brunswick, I spent time with the pilots indulging in a delicious meal of fresh Maine lobsters! In the T-34, I was instructed using the same method as student pilots in flight school: basic familiarization with the airframe, followed by emergency procedures and acrobatic flying. This was a wonderful opportunity to speak candidly with a flight school instructor on how to best succeed in flight school.

Finally, the most exciting ride of my life was in the T-2 jet trainer. I was given the controls to this incredibly fast and highly maneuverable aircraft. The instructor and I put this plane through its paces pulling upwards of 5 G's in many acrobatic and tactical maneuvers. When I wasn't flying, the officers and enlisted personnel were teaching me how they work together in a squadron. I developed great respect and appreciation for the work that goes into preparation and planning to maintain mission readiness for these aircraft. This summer training experience solidified my desire to become a naval aviator.



MIDN 1/C Bowman preparing for flight.

Photo Courtesy: MIDN 1/C Bowman.

Mountain Warfare School

MIDN 2/C Perez, USMCR

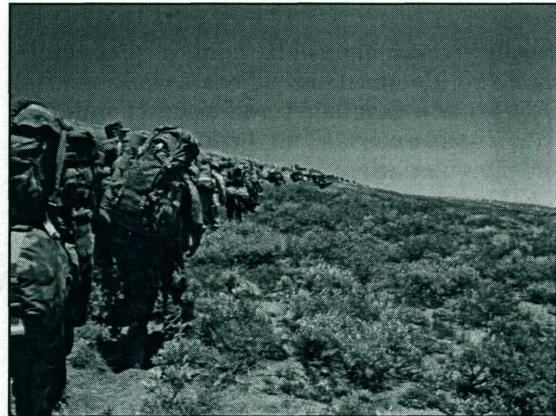
While Navy-option Midshipmen go to Dubai, Japan and Italy, Marine-options go to Pickel Meadow, Calif., home of the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC). Those who wish to be U.S. Marine Corps officers go to MWTC for approximately two weeks during the summer to receive training in mountain survival, land navigation and mountain leadership skills.

I took part in MWTC during the beginning of July and learned much about survival and how to lead Marines in rough conditions, such as the extreme cold. During my time there we were able to receive a first hand view of life on the base, eat at the chow hall, and take the same classes Marines take while attending the school.

As well as classes on the base, we also received classes out in the field, while staying in the field for six days. These classes included sustainment, rock climbing, rappelling, rope bridges, rope tying, and water gathering/purifying.

Our mode of transportation to and from classes and Landing Zones were our feet. We marched with our packs for hours in order to reach our destinations. Our closest LZ was 3 kilometers away, our farthest was 20 kilometers. The packs with our gear weighed around 60 pounds, and another 5 with our harnesses and water supplies.

The training I received while at MWTC was both extremely helpful and interesting to learn. The knowledge is crucial for future U.S. Marine Corps officers, and the training, although brief, gave a good insight into the training which lies ahead.



Marine Options using their main mode of transportation. Photo courtesy: MIDN 2/C Perez.

Officer Candidate School

SSgt Cesar Lopez, USMC

The demanding Officer Candidate School came and went for SSgt King (a fellow marine at UNC-Chapel Hill) and myself this past summer. More than a learning school, it was a rite of passage for us because we were instructed in most of the same skills we had already learned throughout our Marine Corps careers. Yes, despite our young and freshly groomed faces SSgt King and I have been in the Marine Corps for almost a decade.

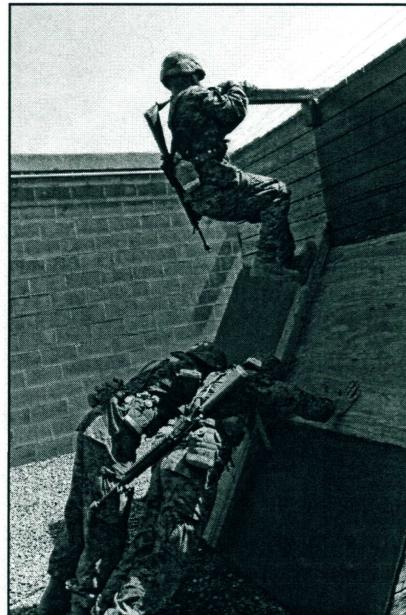
OCS started for us with a four hour drive to Marine Corps Base Quantico, once we finally decided on which day to leave. I wanted to leave one day before our reporting day and SSgt King wanted to leave the morning of. My charm and persuasive skills finally convinced him to succumb to my decision. After we arrived in Virginia we spent that night at my parents' house located just 30 minutes from base. We stayed up until 11 p.m. ensuring our gear was properly marked in order to prevent confusion once our gear was dumped in the middle of a small squad bay along with 60 other equally excited candidates.

The next morning, after a generous breakfast, we headed to our doom wearing nicely pressed slacks, a tucked-in collared shirt, a belt and dress shoes; oblivious to the fact that those same clothes would be on our bodies for the next four days. Upon check-in we were guided into a stadium-style classroom where a few "early bird" candidates had already started writing their 500-word bio essay. Here I am taking a break from school to get physically thrashed and I am back in my English class watching for run-ons and trying to find a synonym for "extraordinary" and a word describing a "Greek god like athlete."

The training continued once we got enough candidates to make it worth the time of a troop handler, which is typically a non-commissioned officer, to take us to supply and get our issue of two canteens and a war belt. Hydration was emphasized throughout the six weeks we spent there, starting the first hour. Next we had medical check-ups, linen issue and the introduction to our squad bays, which consisted of a lovely trailer filled with the blood and pain that waited for us in the days to come. Four days after we first checked in we were finally running our initial Physical Fitness Test, a last attempt from the OCS command to weed out the unworthy and unwilling. The next day, it was pick up day. After a few motivating words from the OCS commander, Col. Mancini, I found myself grinning and trembling with excitement. I was ready to get beaten and challenged. As all the candidates stepped into our respective squad bays and after a last roll call from our platoon sergeant, the madness began. Yelling, tossing, vomiting, squealing and some sobbing accompanied the encouraging words of our sergeant instructors for the days to come.

Needless to say, those six weeks went by pretty slow. However, I found that the most challenging part was the physical. Not to say that I was not ready or failed any event, but it truly made me dig deep to accomplish them. Every time after physical training I was worn out, whether it was the obstacle course, the endurance course, a fartlek run or the Medal of Honor run. If we didn't put out our best effort everyday we were noticed by our sergeant instructors. If their "encouragement" didn't make us move faster, you were highlighted and eventually dropped. My platoon started out with 59 candidates and graduated 48.

SSgt King and I both agree that compared to boot camp OCS had less yelling but less sleep, more study, more strenuous workouts and a constant evaluation. The mental challenge proved to be too much for some so my recommendation to anyone going there in the future is this: be humble, get over yourself and never quit no matter how much anybody wants you to, or how much of a piece of trash they say you are, it is all a mental game designed to break you down, show your weaker side and see if you have what it takes to be a leader of Marines. If you let them get the best of you, you will fail. Push through and show that you really want it, then you will be fine.



Officer Candidates on the Leadership Reaction Course.

First-class Surface Warfare Cruise

MIDN 1/C Randall Martin, USNR



MIDN 1/C Martin smiling for the camera in his summer whites while on cruise. Photo courtesy: MIDN 1/C Martin.

As a culmination to the midshipman summer cruise experience, first-class cruise is most assuredly the best cruise that you will go on during your time as a midshipman. The purpose of this cruise is to orient the 1/C midshipman to the life and responsibilities of a junior officer. My cruise aboard USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54) assigned to Seventh Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan, was the most educational cruise that I have been on. When I commission in May, I know that I will have a firm knowledge base on which to build my leadership skills, thanks to the great leaders aboard Curtis Wilbur.

Once I embarked upon USS Curtis Wilbur, I was assigned a junior officer as a running mate. A running mate is there to be your instructor, of sorts, while on cruise. My running mate was the navigator onboard. This job is considered very prestigious considering the fact that they are responsible for the safe navigation of the ship. They, along with their team of quartermasters, plot all of the ships movements and keep the ship in safe waters.

Typically, first-class midshipmen are berthed in staterooms with their running mates or other 1/C. Unfortunately, all male midshipmen on my cruise slept in overflow officer berthing with other junior officers. Sleeping in overflow berthing did allow midshipmen to see how officers interact with the crew and also to see how the crew interacts with each other. Not only is there a feeling of mutual respect between officers and enlisted, there is a general feeling of camaraderie and understanding between the two resulting in mission accomplishment.

Exercises that I witnessed on cruise included sea trials, which are conducted after ships come out of dry dock, included close-in weapon system and 5-inch shoots, numerous anti-sub and anti-surface simulations and even a chemical/biological weapons attack drill. During each of these I was able to shadow junior officers to learn about their responsibilities.

The operational tempo of ships assigned to Seventh Fleet is very high; however, there was time to see some of Japan's scenery. I spent a weekend in Tokyo where I was able to experience Japanese culture, including a visit to the Imperial Palace. I was also able to spend several weekends in Yokosuka. The experience that I had aboard Curtis Wilbur and in Japan has given me additional leadership skills and stories that I will remember for the rest of my life.

First-class Submarine Cruise

MIDN 1/C Matthew James, USNR

My cruise this summer was on the Ohio-Class ballistic missile submarine USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730). Sometimes referred to as "The Jackson" or "Action Jackson", this submarine is home ported in Bangor, Wash. and is named after the Washington senator of the same name.

The first leg of my cruise was in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii where Lt. Gramlisch met me with a smile. We got the opportunity to meet the commodore of Submarine Squadron 1 and the commanding officer of all submarines in the Pacific Fleet. During the nights, the other midshipman in my cruise and I went to Waikiki Beach to see some of the sights such as the USS Arizona (BB 39) Memorial. We boarded the submarine in the middle of the harbor via a small supply ship.

The benefits you receive from a submarine cruise will almost exclusively be through individual initiative. Theoretically, you can remain in your rack for days on end only having to get up for drills. I would not advocate this plan. Instead, interact with the crew and ask as many questions as you can. Ask to use the equipment. For example, any midshipman that wanted to be on the sub could operate the periscope, rudder planes and shadow the officer of the deck.

Expect to have to earn the crew's respect. To sailors, midshipman can seem like dead weight to a crew; some don't contribute to the mission and they use resources. Actively counteract this; at minimum, participate in all field days, the time all crew members clean the sub. I would also suggest helping clean after meals- the more you help, the more the crew will take notice.

You will be required to sign several documents swearing to secrecy, so therefore, this article leaves out many of the most interesting and memorable events of submarine life. Suffice it to say, if you are remotely thinking about submarines for service selection I would recommend a submarine cruise.

Second-class Surface Warfare Cruise

MIDN 2/c Erin Hayes, USNR

A midshipmen's second-class cruise is designed to orient them with the "real-world" Navy. This cruise is limited to the surface community and submarines. I had been looking forward to this cruise to give me a chance to explore different career options. By experiencing the jobs first-hand, I was able to feel out the different communities to see where I would enjoy being the most.

My orders came in, telling me that I was to report to USS Eisenhower (CVN 69) in Bahrain. Needless to say, I was excited. Despite having to fly 26 hours to arrive at my destination, I enjoyed every minute of cruise. We were paired with running mates from the reactor department and within a few days, all midshipmen were getting accustomed to life as a Sailor. I had a strange circumstance where I was accidentally paired with a junior officer, but I made the most of the opportunity to explore exactly what it means to be a Nuclear Surface Warfare Officer. The job is challenging, but rewarding. While I was there, I took a few tours of the reactor, watched a few drills and learned about the many jobs, required to safely operate a reactor.

However, the reactor department underwent a series of high-intensity drills and inspections within a week and a half of the midshipmen arriving there, resulting in the midshipmen being moved to different departments so we didn't interfere. I first was scheduled to work with the "shooters", or the aviation officers that help launch and retrieve aircraft. What a blast! The opportunity to explore an alternative community was incredible. And, hey, you can't help but have fun when an F-18 launches ten feet in front of you.

I also worked with the deck department and the Command Information Center. It was interesting to learn how these departments work with the others to make the carrier operate as a single unit. With over 4,000 people aboard, the logistics of keeping everything functional is incredible.

While on my cruise, we were able to take a four-day liberty port visit in Dubai. The midshipmen were allowed to go out and explore, to learn about the different cultures that are present in the Middle East. Dubai, as a growing financial center, has people from every sort of ethnic background. It was truly amazing to witness.

After a month underway, cruise was over. During that time, I was able to fly in a helicopter, work in the reactor, launch and recover aircraft, watch flight operations, work with Intelligence officers, observe the carrier go through the Straits of Hormuz and most importantly talk to the officers and enlisted aboard Eisenhower about my future in the Navy. I was able to go to Dubai and take advantage of all the opportunities there: skiing inside a mall, riding a camel, eating Middle Eastern cuisine and spending all of my cruise pay on jewelry at the Old Gold Souk. Overall, cruise this year was fast-paced but thoroughly enjoyable. It was one month that I'll never forget.



MIDN 2/C Hayes posing on the flight deck of the USS Eisenhower . Photo courtesy: MIDN 2/C Hayes.

CORTRAMID

MIDN 3/C Grant Morine, USNR

All rising third-class (Sophomores) in the Naval ROTC program, regardless of whether you are a Marine or Navy-option (unless you are a nursing-option), are required to go on CORTRAMID, which stands for career orientation and training for midshipman. There is a CORTRAMID on both the east coast and the west coast. All of the UNC-Chapel Hill rising third-class midshipmen were fortunate enough to attend CORTRAMID East, and we were all on the same hall of the bachelor enlisted quarters where we stayed while we were in Norfolk, Va. CORTRAMID takes place over a month, and is broken down into four separate weeks with different communities, including: aviation community (in Norfolk, Va.), the submarine community (in Kings Bay, Ga.), the surface warfare community (again in Norfolk), and the Marine Corps (in Camp Lejeune, N.C.).

For my first week I had aviation week. This was fun because the highlight of the week was getting some "stick time" in a T-34 Turbo Mentor. This means that an actual naval aviator gave me and 500 other midshipmen "total" control over an aircraft! Other highlights from the week were touring different squadrons and taking in all the different aircraft at the U.S. Navy's disposal.

The second week was submarine week. This week was for me the most fun. Almost all of our training took place in the Trident Training Facility ("the third biggest building in Georgia"). The highlight of this week was an overnight underway on USS Virginia (SSN 774)! When we got on Virginia we had free roam of it. I got to climb in and sign my name in a torpedo tube, stand on the bridge of the sub (at noon and again to watch the sunrise) while 10 or more dolphins jumped around me, have a few meals in the officer's wardroom, and enjoy a "swim call" and bratwurst cookout (complete with root beer) in the middle of the Atlantic! Also the Royal British Navy was in Kings Bay getting missiles for their "bombers" (similar to the American "boomer" subs), and it was interesting talking and interacting with them.

The third week was my surface warfare week. We got to go on tours of some ships including USS Freedom (LCS-1), a new littoral combat ship, and then went out on three different ships. I was "lucky" enough to get on the USS Boone, where we stayed in the enlisted berthing (average temp temperature there was 53 degrees) and got to witness life aboard the high seas. We experienced an underway replenishment, and tried a towing exercise, but the line snapped. We also got to eat in the wardroom, and generally tried not to be in the way for three nights. Friday morning we physical trained with the explosives ordnance disposal sailors, which was challenging, but also fun. That weekend we got to go to Busch Gardens for free and have a good time before...

Marine week! We had all heard stories about how tough this week was. The midshipmen got no time off for liberty and the drill instructors were aching to scream at us. This week was by far the most challenging of the four (almost everyone had blisters), but that didn't mean it wasn't fun. We completed an obstacle course several times, fought other midshipmen with pugil sticks, spent a night in the field (and got to see through high-tech night vision and infrared monoculars), shoot more guns in one sitting that I'll probably do

in the rest of my life, ride in a V-22 Osprey (really cool!), complete a three mile "hump", and got to talk to a bunch of marine officers about their military occupational specialty. Since I lived in Wilmington, N.C., I was fortunate enough to be able to leave CORTRAMID straight from Camp Lejeune, N.C., along with Midn. DeBurkarte, my compatriot from UNC-CH.

When all was said and done, the month I spent at CORTRAMID flew by. When it was over I was both glad and sad. I experienced a lot of different things that civilians will never be able to do. Next summer I will complete an second-class cruise, but by having first done CORTRAMID I am now more knowledgeable about life in the U.S. Navy, and I also feel more prepared to make my service selection, as well as where I want to go in the summer of 2010.



MIDN 3/C Morine and MIDN 3/C DeBurkarte on the bridge of the USS Virginia. Photo courtesy: MIDN 3/C DeBurkarte.

New Active Duty

Lt. Alexa Forsyth, USN

Hometown: Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

When and why did you join the Navy: I commissioned 2004 from U.S. Naval Academy. I joined the U.S. Navy because I wanted to earn something for myself and lead people in the defense of the country I love. It surely wasn't because I enjoy wearing high-waisted uniform pants. I also wanted to make life better for the enlisted men and women--my dad was an enlisted Marine, and I grew up on stories of the impact that both good and bad leaders can have. Finally, as a Southern Californian at heart, I wanted a job that would keep me traveling and living by a coast. I have been to 16 different countries with the Navy to date and dozens of beaches around the world.

What are some of the different jobs you have done in the Navy: Gunnery officer on a guided missile cruiser out of San Diego, combat information center officer on an amphibious dock landing ship out of Little Creek, Va., flag aide to commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Two, protocol officer for the Africa Partnership Station staff.

What are your expectations for this semester: I can't wait to become a part of the Carolina family! I want to see midshipmen set challenging goals for themselves and achieve them. I expect that by the end of the semester, everyone will be further along mentally, morally, and physically. I also enjoy to laugh, so I hope that everyone has some fun along the way! Overcoming obstacles doesn't have to be boring!



*LT Forsyth posing during an Underway Replenishment.
Photo courtesy: Lt. Forsyth.*

Major Kraig M. Rauen, USMC

The Marine Officer Instructor attended Officer Candidates School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia and was commissioned through the Officer Candidate Class program in 1998. Upon completion of The Basic School (TBS), he reported to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina to begin training as a Combat Engineer Officer (Military Occupational Specialty 1302) at The Marine Corps Engineer School. After Graduation in October of 1999, he reported to 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Lejeune.

In September 2001, he deployed on the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit as the Combat Engineer Platoon Commander with Battalion Landing Team 3/6. This deployment included combat operations in Afghanistan and an assignment commanding a security detachment aboard a United States Naval Ship.

In June 2002, Major Rauen was assigned to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia and served as the Deputy Director and Director of Range Management Branch. After three years, he attended the Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS), and in the spring/summer of 2006 was further assigned as a Platoon Commander for two increments of candidates at OCS.

In October 2006, he was assigned to 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Lejeune. His assignments in the Battalion included Intelligence Officer/Assistant Operations Officer, Alpha Company Commander, and included a combat deployment to Iraq as the Bridge Company Commander.

In May 2008, he deployed as an Individual Augment and reported to the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, where he was assigned to the Engineering Directorate. Upon his return from Africa, the Marine Officer Instructor returned to 8th Engineer Support Battalion and was assigned as the Executive Officer until his departure.

In June 2009, he reported to his current assignment with the North Carolina Piedmont Consortium where he serves as an Assistant Professor of Naval Science for Duke and UNC and is responsible for the mentoring and preparation of NROTC midshipmen for service as commissioned officers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

Meet the 4/C

Fresh New Faces of Fall 2009

Johnathan Daniel Bailey

Hometown: Shelby, N.C.

Intended Major: Undecided

Intended Service Selection: U.S. Marine Corps

Why did you join Naval ROTC?: I have a dream of becoming a Marine Corps aviator that I have had for many years which has guided me through my school choices. So to become an aviator I saw the need to join NROTC in order to achieve this goal. I also feel that NROTC will give me the discipline to get my academics done, due to the fact that I am inherently lazy when it comes to school work.



What do you expect this semester?: I'm hoping that I find a good rhythm to get my work done and fulfill all my requirements for NROTC. I'm expecting that being the only incoming marine option will present challenges in itself, but I'm prepared to meet them head on. I'm looking forward to the semester and what it holds for me.



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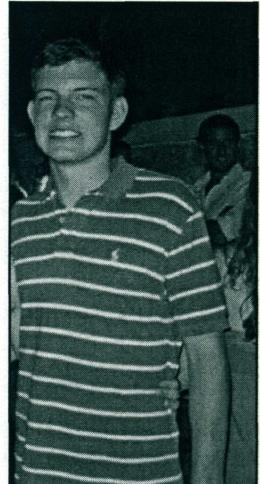
Hometown: Fayetteville, N.C.

Intended major: Biology

Intended Service Selection: Aviation

Why did you join Naval ROTC?: For development in leadership and the responsibilities that comes with the program.

What do you expect this semester?: A successful transition into the college environment and the NROTC unit, and good grade period.



John Lawler

Hometown: Cary, N.C.

Intended major: Statistics

Intended Service Selection: Surface Warfare

Why did you join Naval ROTC?: For the experience and to get my feet on the ground.

What do you expect this semester?: To be challenged mentally and physically while having a great time.

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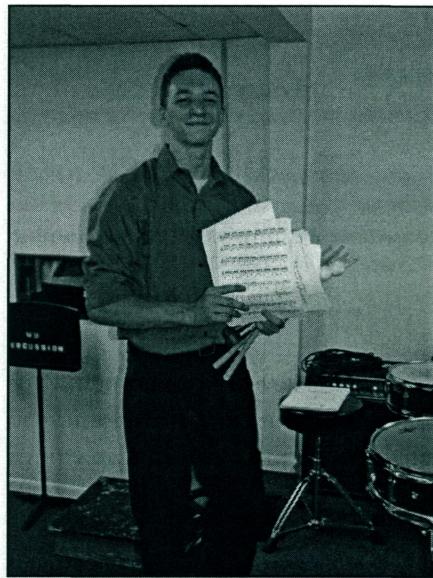
Hometown: Roscoe, IL

Intended Major: Percussion Performance

Intended Service Selection: Aviation

Why did you join Naval ROTC?: I love change, love to travel, and saw the Navy as an opportunity to try many new things and become a part of something greater than my own desires. Hopefully my talents can be used in the Navy as well.

What do you expect this semester?: This semester will hopefully remain enjoyable. As long as I remember I am here to enjoy and have fun learning then this semester will help me grow in all aspects of character.

**Zachary Miller**

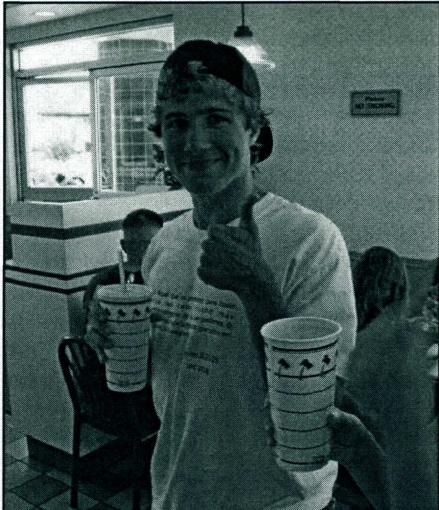
Hometown: Burke, VA

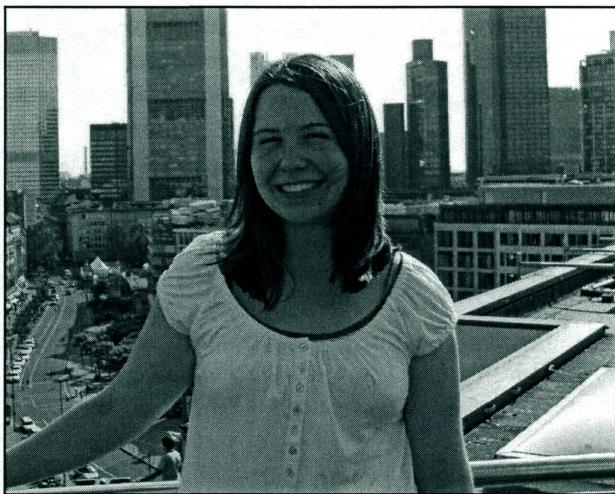
Intended Major: Political Science

Intended Service Selection: Surface Warfare

Why did you join Naval ROTC?: I joined NROTC because it is the perfect opportunity to serve my country and gain experience as a leader, and see the world while doing so.

What do you expect this semester?: I hope to transition smoothly into college as I move on to the next phase of my life.



Jessica Lynne Moore*Hometown:* Nashville, TN*Intended major:* Biology*Intended Service Selection:* Medical Corps

Why did you join Naval ROTC?: I joined NROTC because of the innumerable opportunities the program offers its students as well as the fact that students who finish the program have a guaranteed job in a field where they can be extremely proud of everyone they work with and everything they do.

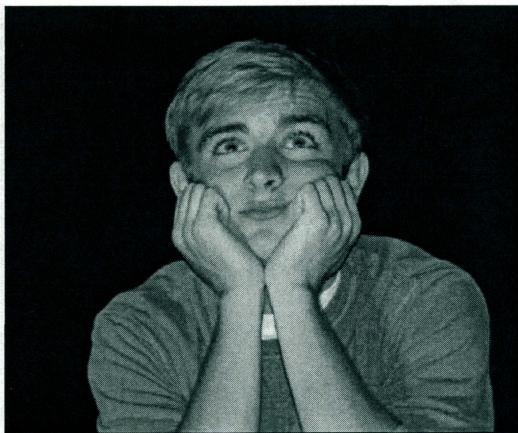
What do you expect this semester?: I know that this semester is going to be filled with challenges in just about every area of my life inside NROTC as well as outside. Being a first-year student definitely has its stressful moments, but I'm looking forward to feeling like I have accomplished many things by the end of the semester.

Kristen Nicole Taulbee*Hometown:* Asheville, N.C.*Intended major:* Biology*Intended Service Selection:* Surface Warfare

Why did you join Naval ROTC?: I joined NROTC for a variety of reasons, the least of which include guaranteed job stability right out of college and a hopefully free education at the best university in North Carolina. However, the main reason I joined is to attempt to become a prominent individual working as part of a greater being. I decided that it was time to matter.



What do you expect this semester?: This semester I expect to be exhausted from physical training, because before college I was a gymnast and gymnasts don't run. At all. I also expect to be tired as I acclimate to a new lifestyle that does not leave much room for sleep. However, I do expect that I will learn a lot, within Naval ROTC and the general college.

Hartley Tempest

Hometown: Raleigh, N.C.

Intended major: Applied Science or Biology

Intended Service Selection: Aviation

Why did you join Naval ROTC?: I want the opportunity to lead people as a part of something that affects the entire world while I'm being pushed to perform at my best.

What do you expect this semester?: I expected to feel relieved when I am done with Sea Trials, but I'm looking forward to becoming part of the unit.

Amanda Terrill

Hometown: Cary, N.C.

Intended Major: International Studies and Portuguese

Intended Service Selection: Surface Warfare

Why did you join Naval ROTC?: To challenge myself and serve my country.

What do you expect this semester?: I expect that this semester will be really fun and I'm looking forward to getting to know my fellow midshipman.

**William Wagner**

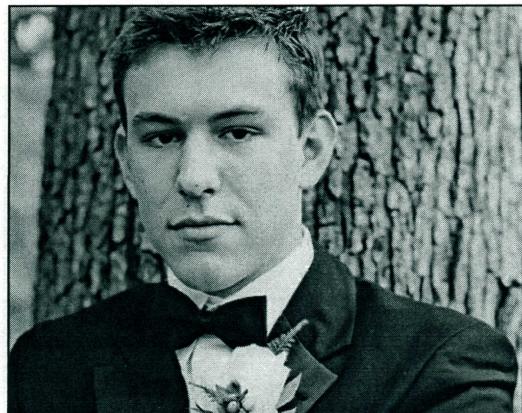
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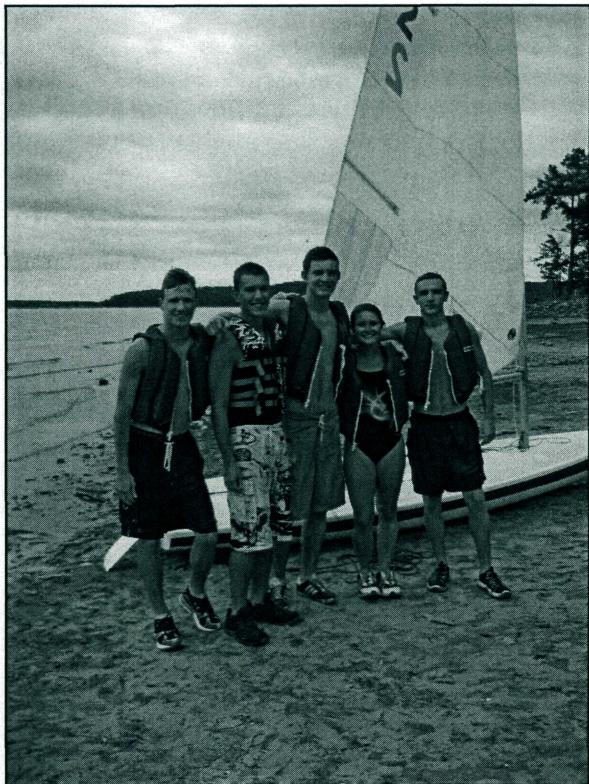
Why did you join Naval ROTC?: To become a Naval Officer.

What do you expect this semester?: I expect to be kept very busy, to be challenged, and to realize that sleep is not necessary.

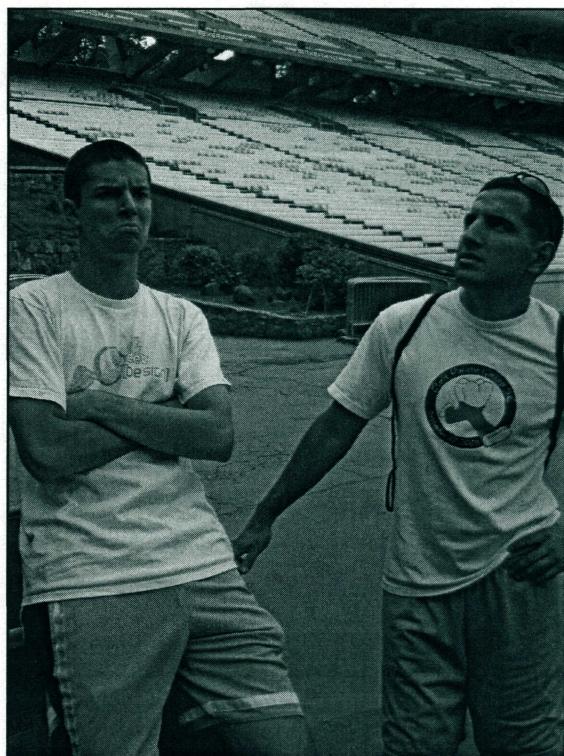


The Unit in Action

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Some of the fourth-class enjoying the Sail Day.



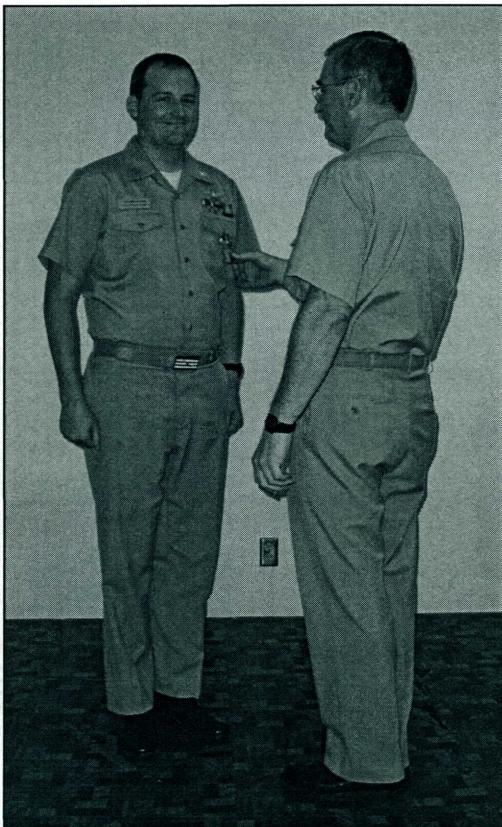
MIDN 3/C Morine and SSgt Lopez posing for the camera at stadium cleanup.



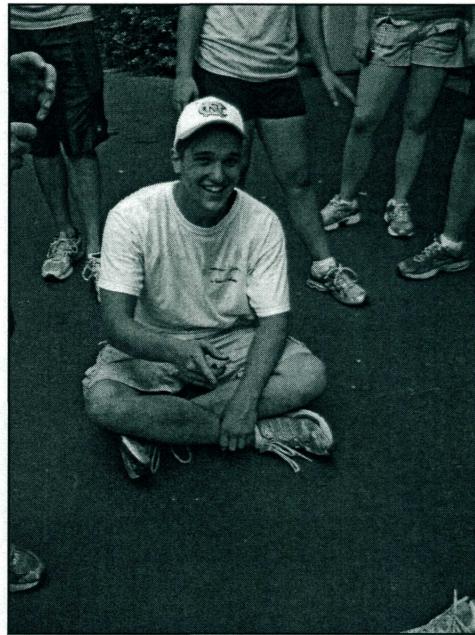
MIDN 4/C Lawler, Terrill and Miller getting excited for their first lab.



MIDN 1/C Martin with one of the speakers during recruiting lab.



Saying Farewell to LT Gerring after years of hard work with the UNC NROTC Battalion.



MIDN 2/C Keilman excited to be done with stadium cleanup.

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