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# CAPTAIN'S CALL

**CAPTAIN R.E. CURTIS,  
PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE**

It has been a tremendous quarter for the battalion! Orientation week saw us bring aboard one of the smallest by possibly finest, freshman class in many years. The social events, activities and competitions were all of the highest caliber.

Particularly rewarding was the battalion participation in the Medal of Honor recipient's convention in Vancouver, WA., over Veteran's Day weekend. It was an honor to meet and talk with these certified heroes. And of course the preparations for Northwest Navy Competition and the fund raisers, such as the "tree cut", kept us all from having a lot of idle moments. All of this combined with the primary and overriding emphasis on grades, has made for a very busy few months.

You have certainly earned the opportunity to "take off your pack" and rest for a moment. Enjoy the holiday season and come back with your batteries recharged for

another busy and exciting term. For those of you whose grades may have been a bit of a disappointment, rededicate yourself to the goal of excellence in academics. And, those involved with preparing for the Northwest Navy Competition don't need to be reminded what dedication that it takes. Polish up those last few finer points and prepare to really enjoy the best competition in the NROTC program. The Winter quarter promises to be just as exciting and rewarding as the fall term. Good luck in these endeavors and **PRESS ON!**



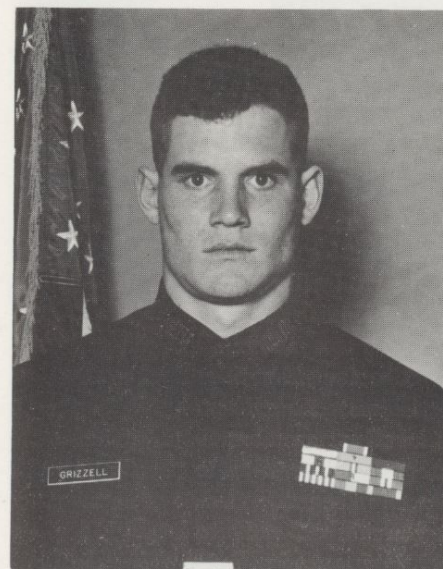
## BNCO'S CORNER

**Midn CAPT T.M. Grizzell,  
Battalion Commander**

We have two goals: 3.0 GPA for the year and DOMINATION OF NORTHWEST NAVY. I have seen a lot of hard work and dedication so far in achieving these goals. Keep it up!

Always remember what you at the OSU NROTC BATTALION is in preparation for the fleet. There are many opportunities and roads you can take to enhance your leadership skills. Exploit these opportunities to the best of your ability. You will be a better person for it.

In passing, while you are here at OSU NROTC always keep the focus on your Naval or Marine Corps commission. And "when the sun comes up, you better be running." Hoo Yah!.....BNCO





# WELCOME ABOARD

## LT COL B. A. GRIMES III

By Sgt Bostrom

As we embark on another journey in our long line of educational pursuits, the OSU NROTC Unit welcomes a new face, LtCol B.A. Grimes III. Having finished his tour as Operations Officer at Marine Air Group 29, Marine Corps Air Station New River, LtCol Grimes puts his 18 years of military experience to work as the new Executive Officer.

A native of Fort Hood, Texas, LtCol Grimes attended the Air Force Academy for two years before transferring to Texas A & M University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geophysics and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Military History. His military education includes the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School at the University of Texas, Off Campus Naval War College, Air Command and Staff College at Auburn University and the Amphibious Warfare School. Having served as a Huey and Cobra Pilot for the Marine Corps, LtCol

Grimes also enjoyed the position of Officer In Charge of all Navy shipboard developmental testing. As a 1stLt, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross while serving a tour in Korea.

When he's not golfing, reading, or working out, LtCol Grimes spends time with his wife, nine-year-old daughter, and seven-year-old son. A new and welcomed addition to the family is expected to arrive in a month. CONGRATULATIONS SIR!

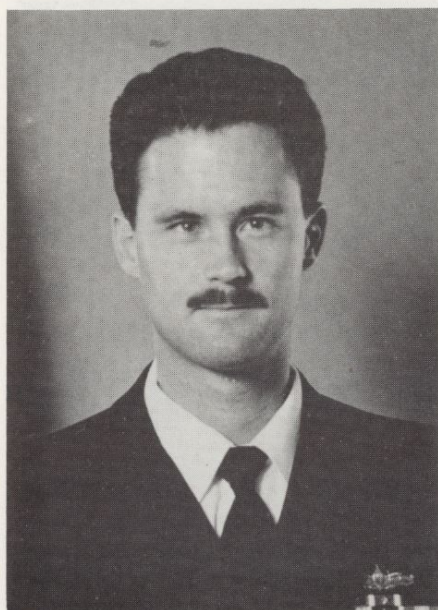
Looking forward to his tour here at the OSU NROTC, LtCol Grimes is excited about the upcoming year and his duties as administrative officer for the Unit. "It will definitely be one of the many highlights of my Marine Corps career." After his tour as OSU, LtCol Grimes looks forward to staying in the Marine Corps as long as the Marine Corps wants and will promote him. "I try to live my life by the words of the immortal Chesty Puller: 'Know Your Men,



Know Your Business, and Know Yourself!" With that kind of reasoning, LtCol Grimes is likely to be around a long time. WELCOME ABOARD SIR!

## LT E. L. AUSTIN

By OC Martindale



Oregon State University Naval ROTC would like to welcome Lieutenant Edward Leroy Austin and his wife Christine to the battalion. LT Austin is the new junior class instructor, teaching piloting and navigation. He is also the sail training officer ensuring that all midshipmen are qualified "skipper B" in the laser sail boat. He brings with him a wealth of experience and professional knowledge to pass onto the midshipmen and officer candidates of the battalion.

LT Austin reports here after a rewarding tour of duty aboard the USS Waddell (DD-24) home ported in San Diego, California. LT Austin was the ship's navigator which makes him even more qualified for his duties here at OSU. LT Austin is originally from Julesburg, Colorado. The LT and

his wife are glad to be back in a small town. According to the LT, he chose the northwest because he "wanted a change from San Diego and Corvallis is an ideal place to live, work and study."

LT Austin received his commission in March of 1986 upon graduating from officer candidate school. After his tour at Oregon State, he hopes to attend department head school followed by an assignment aboard an amphibious assault ship.

In their spare time LT Austin and his wife enjoy cycling, running, skiing, and what he calls "crafts". He describes crafts as anything from fence building to model making.

From all of us, especially your students, WELCOME ABOARD SIR!!!



# BIRTHDAY BALL

By OC Linebarger

The men and women of Oregon State's Naval ROTC unit celebrated the birthday's of the United States Navy and Marine Corps October 25, in the ballroom at Nendel's. The Master of Ceremonies for this year's affair was Sgt. Ken Quiner. The ceremonies began with the Color Guard parading the



colors and the playing of the national anthem. Sgt. Quiner recited the "Two Bell Prayer" to honor our fallen shipmates. Capt. Robert E. Curtis was then introduced and he entertained the guests with his words on the rich and illustrious 216 year history of the Navy and Marine Corps team, along with a reflection of his proud and rewarding Naval career. The Captain also spoke of the future of the Navy, and the realities that face us all as future Navy and Marine Corps officers. Being expected to do more with less seemed to be the underlying theme and in order to accomplish this we must have quality and competent leaders for the future.

Next on the schedule of events was the presentation of the birthday cake and the cake cutting ceremony. As tradition would have it, the eldest sailor and marine (represented by Captain Curtis, and Lt Col Barney A. Grimes) and the youngest sailor and marine (represented by Midn 4/C Lisa Schell and Sgt. Michael L. Bostrom) took their sabres in hand, cut the cake, and each took a bite from the first piece of cake. The tradition of the eldest and youngest sailor and marine symbolizes the appreciation and



respect for knowledge and experience as well as for youth and vigor. The cake cutting was concluded with a rendition of "Anchors Away" and the "Marine Corps Hymn." and the ceremonies were concluded with the distinguished party parading through the swords of honor.

With the formalities completed, friends began to gather, the ties and jackets slowly began to disappear, the dance floor filled, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

## O - COURSE RECEIVES FACE - LIFT

By Sgt Bostrom

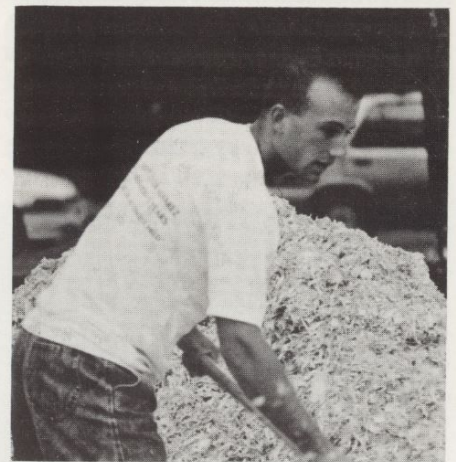
As all those who went through Rookie Orientation this summer found out, the obstacle course at the OSU NROTC Unit received a welcomed face-lift. The course was generously coated with a new layer of wood shavings donated to the Unit by Willamette Forest Products. In order to comply with both Oregon State University

and Navy Safety Regulations, each area of contact must possess a minimum of 12 inches of material to lessen the effects of the impact. A greater amount of 24 inches is required under the rope climb at the end of the course.

The obstacle course is primarily used by the MECEPs and Marine Options during Bull Dog Prep to train for Officer Candidate School. In addition, recruits in the Delayed Entrance Program (DEP) and rookies to the NROTC Unit also

enjoy the benefits of the course. It gives each a chance to experience one of their first physical encounters with the military. With the new wood shavings, the experience is sure to be a pleasant one.

With the donation of the shavings by



Willamette Forest Products, we are all reminded of the support and dedication we receive from the business sector and residential community of the Corvallis area throughout the year. Without their help, many of the luxuries the unit enjoys would not be possible. Their support is greatly appreciated!





# R O O K I E

By Midn Cunningham

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The old cliché of "We accomplish more by 9:00 a.m. than people do all day," was never more apparent than during the week of Rookie Orientation. The rookies would muster at 6:00 a.m. to do their daily two-hour exercise period. It was a variety of stretching and calisthenics which proved to be very demanding for most. One morning the rookies went on a three-mile run that was very challenging. However, several members of the Rookie-O staff ran it without even breaking a sweat. After PT was over, the rookies were given a one hour break before returning to MAC Fieldhouse for marching drill. During drill, the rookies were inspected on their military knowledge, received instruction in marching techniques, and were inspired to perform at their fullest potential. Push-ups were one means of inspiration in which the staff participated alongside the rookies. The camaraderie kept everyone in good spirits by demonstrating good

team efforts.

Many of the new rookies were actually "old salty dogs" from the fleet. They were either prior enlisted personnel or Officer Candidates. Most of them believed that Rookie-O was much easier than either bootcamp or the Naval Science Institute. However, they gave their best performance due to the recognition that this was an important part of the indoctrination for those having no prior military experience.

When not at MAC Fieldhouse, the obstacle course, or Gill Coliseum, the rookies were at the MU Forum East listening to

informational lectures. The lecture subjects ranged from benefits of scholarship programs to how to maintain the Unit's academic goal of 3.00 and dominating Northwest Navy. Lectures were given by a wide range of speakers. They included Captain Curtis, the Unit's Commanding Officer, and various battalion midshipman staff members.

The staff of Rookie Orientation deserves recognition for the outstanding effort they put forth into making it a week to remember. It was both an exciting and challenging week for all involved.





# ORIENTATION

## SAVEKER DAY

By Midn Cunningham

Rookie Orientation finally came to an end, and we were no longer rookies, but midshipmen. We were all sworn - in by Captain Curtis in the morning and watched a slide presentation by the Public Affairs Office which outlined the location where we might serve our country as future Navy and Marine Corps officers.

After that it was time to prepare to dominate the seniors in a game of flag football. The freshman wanted revenge and the

were out to get it. It was an outstanding game in which the seniors scored as time was running out to break the tie and come up with the victory.

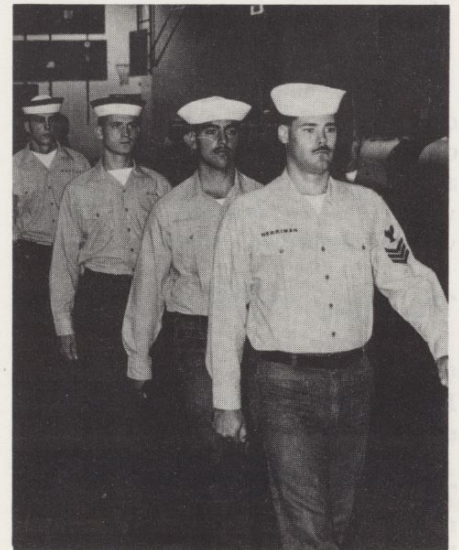
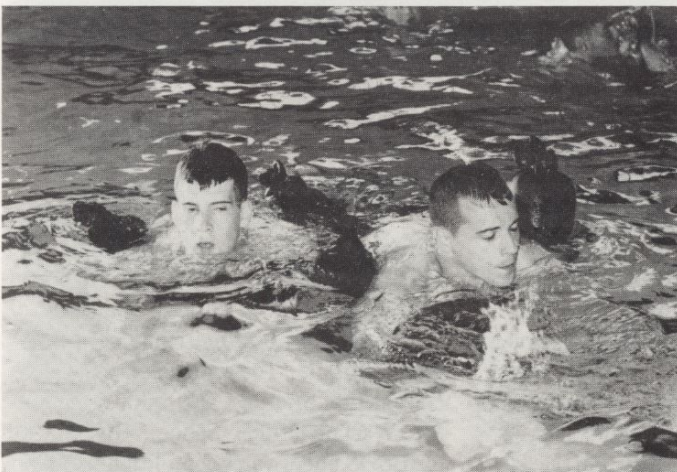
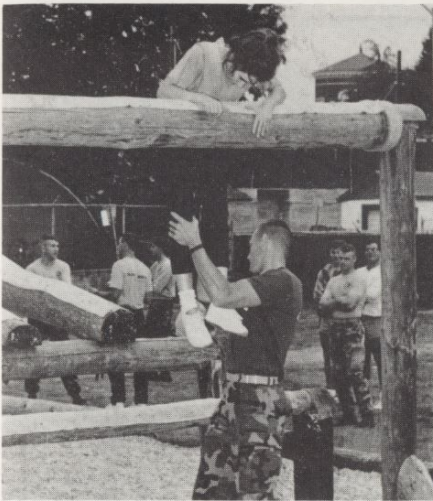
Immediately following the game the Saveker Day picnic began. There were plenty of hamburgers and chips to go around. Everyone started to get to know one another on a social

level. Sgt. Quiner's pig kissing fund raiser went over well and helped raise money for

the unit.

Saveker Day is in memory of Richard Lloyd Saveker who was a midshipman at OSU NROTC. His father CAPT David R. Saveker sponsors the picnic. The history behind this special day is written on a plaque on the unit's award wall.

The picnic was an outstanding success and all who attended had a wonderful time. It was a time for relaxing from the intense week of Rookie Orientation, and it gave people a chance to get know on another. Congratulations are in order to the Rookie - O Staff for a job well done.





# MIDSHIPMEN

By OC Riker

This summer, like every year before, our midshipmen packed their bags and headed off for their summer cruises. Dispersed among the different communities of the Naval service, they were able to experience what it is really like in the fleet.

## Third Class Cruise

Assigned to the USS Salt Lake City (SSN-716) out of Bangor, WA, Midn 3/C Bruce Ferguson had the chance to experience the submarine force first hand.

His first ten days were spent at the Trident Training Facility. While there he received basic damage control training in how to combat the two worst enemies of a ship: fire and flooding.

Prior to getting underway, Midn Ferguson observed a weapons on-load as well as the light off of the reactor and other engineering equipment. After helping disconnect shore power, he was underway for a busy seven days.

While underway, he had the chance to work in several of the departments onboard. Spending three days in engineering and maneuvering, he was acquainted with the duties of the electrical operator, reactor operator,



and throttleman. Then he was off to the sonar shack where he stood under instruction watches as basic sonar operator. During his time off while underway, he stood break-in watches as both helmsman and planesman and obtained final qualification on these stations.

When the sea and anchor detail was set in preparation for pulling into port at Point Loma, CA, Midn Ferguson stood an under instruction watch in maneuvering. While there, he had the opportunity to visit San Diego and Tijuana. Midn Ferguson's third class cruise ended there, but the experience will last much longer.

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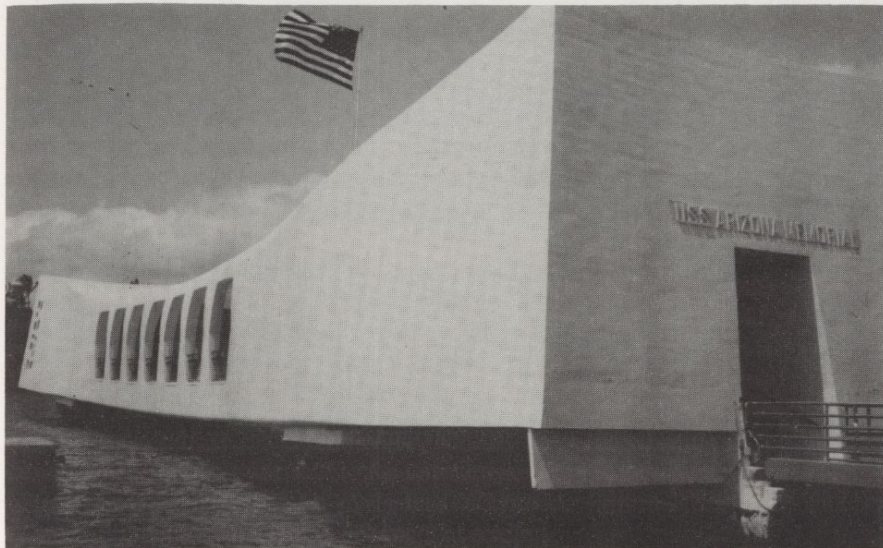
Midn 2/c Brian Schimmel was able to get a look at all four of the Naval service communities during his training.

The first week was spent with the surface Navy. The first two days were on the FFG USS Puller. While aboard, Midn Schimmel was able to observe a series of helo operations and the firing of a SM-1 guided missile. The remainder of the week consisted of briefings and tours of the Surface Warfare Officer School, BUD/S, and the ESDS underwater demolition facility.





# SUMMER CRUISES




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Midn Schimmel's second week was at the sub base in Point Loma, CA. In addition to attending damage control school, he spent two days underway on the USS Florida. During his time underway, the ship conducted drills, tracking exercises, and allowed the midshipmen to comm the boat.

His third week was spent with the aviation community at North Island NAS. During the stay, Midn Schimmel visited the SERE school and an SH-60 helo simulator. Later in the week he got some stick time on a CH-53 while on a helo hop.

His final week was spent with the Marines at Camp Pendleton, CA. He describes this week as being the best. While there he learned to fire and clean the M-16 he was issued. Midn Schimmel participated in ambushing and night patrolling exercises.

Various demonstrations of equipment used by Marines were also given. He stated that this week gave him a "better appreciation for working with Marines."

## First Class Cruise

After successful completion of mini-BUD/S, Midn I/C Grizzell met up with the USS Mobile Bay (CG-53) which was de-

ployed on a WESTPAC cruise.

After a long flight over the Pacific, he ended up at the Naval base in Yokosuka, Japan. While there, Midn Grizzell helped prepare the ship for its upcoming underway period. While off-duty, he managed to take in the sights and enjoy some sushi.

On 21 Aug 91, the ship got underway for its transit to Guam. Midn Grizzell spent most of his time on the bridge standing under instruction watches as JOOD. The USS Mobile Bay spent a total of five days in Guam. In addition to his onboard duties, he was able to do some good diving.

Midn Grizzell was back underway on 29 Aug 91 for the three day transit back to Japan. When he wasn't on watch as JOOD, he spent time with the strike warfare officer learning the intricacies of fighting the ship in battle. Upon arrival in Yokosuka, he was well versed in the duties and responsibilities of Naval surface warfare officers at sea.

So once again, a productive summer of training has been completed. All of our midshipmen who participated did an outstanding job. Bravo Zulu!





# OFFICER CANDIDATE'S SCHOOL

By OC Riker

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## USMC OCS

Marine Corps Officer Candidate School is a rigorous and demanding six week program. It is designed primarily to screen and evaluate second class midshipmen Marine options and MECEP's as potential officers in the United States Marine Corps. Sgt. Madziarczyk was one member from our unit to complete this training during the summer.

The grading criteria consisted of fifty percent for leadership, twenty-five percent for PT, and twenty-five percent for academics. Sgt. Madziarczyk stated that the important factors were self-discipline, time management, and organization.

The first few days at OCS was in-processing which consisted of physicals and general gear issue. On day three, the fun began when the candidates were assigned a drill instructor. Free time was scarce during the first two weeks. The day began at 0500 and didn't end until taps at 2200. Training consisted of daily PT from 0630 to 0800, classroom instruction, field exercises, and drill.

In the field, candidates received instruction on land navigation, camo coverage, minefields, squad defense, infiltration, and firing techniques just to name a few. Classroom topics covered land navigation, operational orders, basic military instruction, weapons familiarization, officer development, and the duties and responsibilities of a USMC officer. Each week the candidates' endurance was tested through forced marches. The initial distance was a mile and a half in the first week, increasing to a twelve and a half mile night march in the later part



of the course.

Two very important events effecting the candidates' performance marks were SULE I and II. SULE is the acronym for Small Unit Leader Evaluation. In SULE I, the candidate served as a fire team leader and led his men on an offensive mission. SULE II, divided into three parts, was more complex and a heavier weighted event. During the first phase, the candidate served as a squad leader and was responsible for leading three fire teams in an assault. The second part, the reaction course, consisted of a fire team leadership problem where the candidate encountered an obstacle to his mission. The fire team leader had to devise, implement, and supervise a plan to over-

come the obstacle and complete the mission. In the third phase, candidates went on a three mile forced march with full gear which had to be completed in under thirty minutes.

During the last days of OCS, the candidates took their final PFT and also a Battle Fitness Test, which consisted of running a 9.3 mile obstacle course in full gear. Things were wrapped up with graduation practice and ultimately their graduation. Sgt. Madziarczyk stated that OSU has an outstanding reputation for preparation at OCS. He also stated that, "Time management and self-discipline are essential because they don't drop you from OCS; you drop yourself."





# FALL AWARDS CEREMONY

By OC Budde

Sixty-two members of the OSU NROTCU Battalion were recognized for their professional, academic and athletic achievements at the 1991 Fall Awards Ceremony held Oct 8th at the LaSells Stewart Center. Following opening remarks, Capt R.E. Curtis presented the awards.

Two members received the Navy Achievement Medal. OC Marc Herriman received the medal for meritorious service while serving with VAQ-133 during Operation Desert Storm. Cpl Michael Bostrom received his for meritorious service while assigned to Marine Barracks Subic Bay.

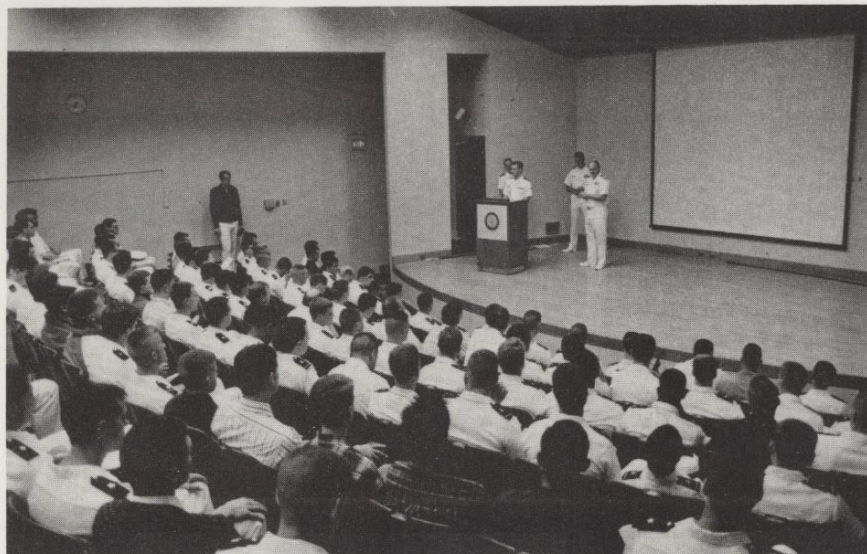
Sgt Scott Madziarczyk received his second Marine Good Conduct Medal, denoting six years of honorable service.

OC Gerald Raia and Midn 4/C Carl Guenther received letters of commendation.

Ens Thomas Himstreet, 2nd LT Gregory Torgerson, Midn 2/C Jessica Bergmann, Midn 2/C Robert Smith, Midn 2/C Byron Weideman and Midn 3/C Christopher Barber received the University of Idaho NROTC Physical Readiness Award for recognition of physical excellence.

Midn 2/C Matthew Mahaffy accepted the National Naval Postal League Award on behalf of the pistol team. The OSU Pistol Team ranked number one in the league for five of six weeks of competition.

Fifty personnel received Academic Awards for maintaining GPA's in excess of



3.5 during the Spring and Summer Terms of 1991. They are listed as follows (Numbers in parentheses indicate previous awards):

## ENSIGNS

Ens David Lynch (2)  
Ens Darren Pontier (5)  
Ens Michael Freudenthal (4)  
Ens Steven Gueck (5)  
Ens John Heffner (3)  
Ens Travis Trupp (6)

## 2nd Lts:

2nd Lt Peter Gillis  
2nd Lt Stephen Macklin  
2nd Lt Gregory Torgerson

## MECPs:

Sgt. Scott Madziarczyk

## ECPs:

OC Kirk Knox  
OC Richard Koenig  
OC Gerald Raia

## Seniors (5th yr):

Midn 1/C Scott Baldwin  
Midn 1/C Cyrus Kelly III (12)  
Midn 1/C Bruce Martin (4)  
Midn 1/C Aaron Yates

## Seniors:

Midn 1/C Scott Devore (3)  
Midn 1/C Timothy Grizzell (5)  
Midn 1/C Hector Jimenez (4)  
Midn 1/C Jacob Nelson (2)  
Midn 1/C Bryan Grappe  
Midn 1/C Michael Schafer (5)

## NECPs:

OC Kelly Ahlm  
OC Jamie Biondi (3)

OC James Buckley  
OC Mace Burke  
OC Zachery Dunham (2)  
OC Allen Dutton  
OC Mark Galvin (6)  
OC Ryan Heilman  
OC Christopher Maghoyup  
OC Chris Moore  
OC Michael Quan  
OC Richard Riggs (3)  
OC Steven Vonheeder  
OC Thad Biggers (5)  
OC Matthew Welter (3)

## Juniors:

Midn 2/C Nicholas Chape (5)  
Midn 2/C Stuart Jee (2)  
Midn 2/C Matthew Mahaffy (4)  
Midn 2/C Thomas Rich (3)  
Midn 2/C Byron Wiedeman

## Sophomores:

Midn 3/C Christopher Barber (2)  
Midn 3/C Jason Bedard  
Midn 3/C Matt Donaldson (3)  
Midn 3/C Hayes Gori (3)  
Midn 3/C Michael Payne (3)  
Midn 3/C Daniel Sprenkle (3)

Bravo Zulu to all awardees for their outstanding achievements.





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# VETLAN'S DAY PARADE

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## By Midn Jee

Medal of Honor recipients saw the OSU NROTC marching teams out in force at the Veteran's Day Parade in Vancouver, Washington. The parade followed a three mile route, winding its way from historic Fort Vancouver, through the army base and downtown, and ending at Hudson's Bay High School. The procession was led by Midn 2/C Jee and Midn 2/C Dibble, carrying the unit banner, followed by the Color Guard, Drum and Bugle Corps, and Drill Team, in addition to Captain Curtis, Major Sessions, and GySgt Stevens bringing up the rear. ENS Himstreet and ENS Pontier helped bolster the talent for the Drill Team and Drum and Bugle Corps respectively.

The parade, advertised as the largest in the region, was

made up of some 190 groups. Along with OSU's NROTC marching teams, the AFROTC from the University of Portland was also present. There were also marching bands from various local high schools, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, active duty personnel, various youth groups, military clubs, and of course the veterans. All armed conflicts since World War One were represented.

The teams marched smartly by the reviewing stand, in front of a nation-wide television audience. Among the honored guests were a Russian five star General and the Vice President of the United States, the Honorable R.D. Quayle. The parade ended a week of celebration and was a prelude to the Medal of Honor Banquet, which was also attended by some members of the battalion. Although the participants of the parade were not formally judged, our marching teams were definitely at their best!



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