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## **RING DANCE '93**



## **A LOOK BACK AT THE LAST YEAR**



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OSU NROTC Drum and Bugle Corps struts their stuff in the Battle of the Flowers Parade in San Antonio, Texas.

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# CAPTAIN'S CALL

## CAPT H. M. Dyck

### Professor of Naval Science

Another school year is coming to an end and some of you are graduating to a new and exciting career in the Navy or Marine Corps. Others will stay aboard for Summer school; cruise the oceans; train in a major shore facility; or scatter to the winds for an enjoyable Summer. Maybe you will even combine some of these for a "Super Summer".

This has been a very interesting and highly successful year for the Beaver Battalion. The awards cases have been even further filled from your participation in parades, competitions and, of course, Northwest Navy. Your grades continue to average above the "magic" 3.0 mark - well above the University average. Your sports teams have prevailed (except perhaps for those two we lost to Air Force) everywhere. You have been tested on all fields and continue to march down that road leading to success.

I very much enjoyed meeting and talking with so many families during Mom's weekend. Your support is truly instrumental in our program and I appreciate all of the letters and phone calls I receive from parents. I'm available for your questions any time and share your pride with enthusiasm.

Next year we will be a bit smaller, reflecting the downsizing of the military; but will continue to commission the finest officers in the military with all our traditional programs. Have a great Summer - keep your powder dry, seek large targets!



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## "NOW HEAR THIS... A Message from the Battalion Commander"

### MIDN Captain H.A. Rosenberg

I was very surprised and pleased to learn that I had yet another chance to address the existing battalion and its future members before I am relieved of my post in less than a week. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the O.S.U. N.R.O.T.C. Battalion Commander. I have learned far more than I ever expected and I hope that all the other billet holders have developed new skill as a result of their positions as well. You have all worked hard this last half of the year and should be proud of the standards set for our successors.

As the year draws to a close, and preparations begin for Rookie-O and the battalion of the 1993-1994 school year, it appears that many changes are on the horizon. The reduction in our battalion forces has been a problem we have had to battle during this academic year and it is not likely that it will be alleviated in the near future. As a result, those of you who will be returning from summer cruises and vacations will find some necessary changes made in the battalion's organizational structure. Be prepared for the changes. It will be your challenge to maintain and increase the success of this unit.

I wish you all the best of luck. Congratulations to the new battalion billet holders and fair winds and following seas to the graduating seniors.





## MOI'S CORNER

MAJOR M.G. SESSIONS

MARINE OFFICER INSTRUCTOR

Sun Tzu states that 'Generally, the management of many is the same as the management of a few. It is a matter of organization.' While attending a Naval ROTC institution, you are placed in positions of responsibility to test your ability to organize both people and tasks. This challenge will certainly prepare you well for your upcoming charge as junior officers in the Naval Service. The ultimate test in your ability to organize will be that of command. Whether it be command of a department, platoon, carrier squadron or infantry division, the challenges remain generally the same; the management of your unit. Two skills inherent to your success as a com-

mander and to the management of your unit are communications and prioritizations. Never forget that! The best form of communication in any organization, civilian or military, is face to face. Never allow your audience to leave with any question as to your intent. Be clear and concise in your direction, and always provide your guidance at the appropriate level of your audience. The other skill, prioritization, is necessary on a continual and unending schedule. As you receive tasks from higher headquarters and disseminate them to your subordinates, the need to reevaluate and reassess your priorities continues without pause. Continue to reevaluate your priori-



ties, continue to communicate with your chain of command and always strive for improvement in your management skills. You will be better for it at Oregon State and most importantly, as you enter the Fleet! Best wishes to all of you.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM UNIT WIZARD

Lt. Col. B. A. GRIMES III

I've got three last pearls of wisdom for all you aspiring young officers. First, you can be three types of rider: a jockey-fast with the whip, hard on the mouth and driven to the finish line (your current tour); a cowboy-hard with the spur, quick off the hip and living for the moment; or a horseman-giving of direction secure in the knowledge that your well-trained horse knows and will do what's right needing only a gentle prod by stirrup or bit to change course because you or someone else will have to ride that horse for a long time.

Second- know your men, know your business and know yourself paraphrasing Sun Tzu.

Third- God gave you two eyes, two ears and one mouth. Use them in that proportion.

I thank you for the opportunity to know you, work with you and make mistakes together. Alas, the human condition is not to strive for the unobtainable perfection, but to do the best you can with what you've got and bring others along willingly.





# RING DANCE 1993

BY MIDN PAGE

On 22 May 1993, much of the Battalion gathered to wish "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to the graduating seniors. This year's Ring Dance was held at the Benton County Fairgrounds and saw twenty-nine seniors take part in an age old custom which started at the Naval Academy.

In keeping with the tradition, upon completion of the fourth year of academic studies, each senior is entitled to wear the Naval Officer Ring. The ring is worn on a ribbon around the date's neck. At the commence-

ment of the ceremony, within the shadow of a giant illuminated replica of the ring, the date dips the ring in a binnacle containing water from the Seven Seas, sent in by past graduates. The midshipman's date then places

the ring on the third finger of the left hand and seals the ceremony with a kiss. The Ring Dance, put on by the junior class, was a great chance to honor the seniors for all their dedication and motivation

throughout their college careers. Congratulations on your commissioning 1993 Ensigns and Second Lieutenants. We wish you much success as you embark on your journeys into the real Navy and Marine Corps. We salute you all!



## CHANGE OF COMMAND

### SPRING STAFF

Battalion Commander  
Midn H. Rosenburg  
Battalion Executive Officer  
OC R. Riker  
Battalion Operations Officer  
OC R. Linebarger  
Battalion Personnel Officer  
Midn S. Mahelona  
Battalion Logistics Officer  
Midn B. Schimmel  
Battalion MCPO  
Midn B. Stinnett



Change of Command was held Spring term 1993 for Fall/ Winter staff and Winter term 1992 for Spring staff.

### FALL/WINTER STAFF

Battalion Commander  
Sgt. M. Bostrom  
Battalion Executive Officer  
Midn R. Rule  
Battalion Operations Officer  
OC M. Cunningham  
Battalion Personnel Officer  
Midn J. Finley  
Battalion Logistics Officer  
Midn D. Campbell  
Battalion MCPO  
Midn D. Sprenkle



# FAIR WINDS AND . . .

## Lt. Col. B. A. Grimes III

BY MIDN PAGE

As the 1992-93 school year comes to an end, the OSU NROTC Unit bids farewell to Lt. Col. Grimes. On 11 July, he will start the next phase of his career at Headquarters Marine Corps. More specifically, he will be working with Aviation, Plans, and Weapons for H-1 aircraft which is comprised of 330 aircraft. Lt. Col. Grimes will be in charge of handling platform requirements.

Lt. Col. Grimes came to Corvallis, Oregon from Marine Aircraft Group 29, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, NC where he served as Operations and Actions Officer. As Executive Officer of the OSU NROTC Unit he has tried to be a visible presence to the Battalion.

As he departs, he has these words to say: "Go on your way in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak; help and cheer the sick, honor all men, love and serve the Lord, and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you evermore."

The personnel at the OSU NROTC unit would like to wish him well as he continues his Marine Corps career and give him a hearty thanks for his many contributions while here at the "*Best in the West and All the Rest*."



## LT MEEKER

BY MIDN PAGE

On 31 July 1993, after eight and a half years of service, LT Meeker will separate from the Navy and enter Reserve status. He will become a Staff Accountant for the Bowlby, Ryan, and Fyie Accounting Firm of Corvallis, Oregon. His overall objective is to become a CPA and eventually a partner with the firm. He says, "It's been a pleasure teaching the students. The Battalion prepares

them very well for the fleet. I've always been impressed with the leadership skills of the students. I will be in Corvallis, so look me up if you come back into town."

LT Meeker spent three and a half years with VP-17 as an NFO at Barber's Point, Hawaii before coming to OSU. While with the Unit he was the Senior Class Instructor, Aviation Club Advisor, and the Swords of Honor Advisor.

May the Force be with you, sir!



## CHIEF MARTENS

BY MIDN PAGE

On 23 July 1993, the USS Chandler (DDG-996) homeported out of San Diego, California will receive one of OSU NROTC's best. SKC Martens will depart the Unit and return to sea. As Unit SKC he also served as Command Chief, MWR Counselor, Safety Officer, and Assistant Building Manager. Before reporting to the Unit, Chief Martens sailed aboard the USS Texas (CGN-39) out of Alameda, California. As he leaves, he says, "Have fun!" Good Luck Chief!!!



# ... FOLLOWING SEAS

## MAJOR SESSIONS

BY MIDN PAGE

At the end of May, OSU NROTC Unit will lose one of its most dedicated staff members, the Marine Officer Instructor, Major M. G. Sessions. During his stay as MOI of the OSU NROTC Unit, he has set the example for both Navy and Marine Options to follow. While at the unit, his collateral duties have included being Battalion Advisor, Command Fitness Coord., MECEP Program Manager, and Assistant Basketball Coach.

Before he arrived for his tour at the Unit he served as part of the First Reconnaissance Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA. Instead of returning to the field after he leaves the Unit, Major Sessions will become the Commanding Officer of Marine Barricks, Diego Garcia on 25 JUN. To the Unit he says, "As tomorrow's leaders, strive for perfection; don't be afraid to make mistakes; and carry to the fleet the same intensity you've provided the Beaver Battalion. Good luck and Godspeed!"

Although he will be missed, the OSU NROTC Unit takes pride in seeing Major Sessions move on to further his career.

## GOOD LUCK MAJOR SESSIONS!!!



## LT HILLMAN

BY MIDN PAGE

"I hope that my students have had as much fun as I have. I know that the Navy is going to be a better place with them in it," commented LT Jim Hillman in his farewell to the OSU NROTC Unit and to the Navy.

After eight years in the Navy, LT Hillman is resigning his commission. On 30JUN he will move to Ionia, Michigan to become Production Supervisor for GenCorp Automotive.

Before being stationed at OSU, LT Hillman spent four years as CIC Officer aboard the USS Antietam (CG-54), homeported in Long Beach, CA. While stationed here at the unit he obtained his MBA while serving as the Freshman Class Instructor, Staff Public Affairs Officer, Surface Warfare Club Advisor, NROTC Basketball Coach, and First Company Advisor.

LT Hillman has been a valuable asset to the OSU NROTC Unit for the past three years. The civilian community can take pride in knowing that they are receiving one of the Navy's best. Good luck & BRAVO ZULU for a job well done, and one day we hope to see you on ESPN coaching basketball.





# WELCOME ABOARD

Several new faces have been seen wandering the passageways of OSU NROTC. We'd like to take the time now to formally introduce them to you.

Reporting aboard to assume the responsibilities as MOI is Capt. D.K. Hough. Capt. Hough is in his eighteenth year of active duty service with the USMC, including six of which were spent as prior enlisted where he reached the rank of SSgt. before receiving his commission. He is reporting to us from Danville, IL. where he served as an inspector-instructor since 1991. He chose OSU as his next duty station because it provided the unique opportunity of living in the Northwest. He will also get the chance to spend some valuable time with his family.



*Capt. D.K. Hough*

LT. J.H. Gremmels is reporting aboard to assume the responsibilities as the senior class instructor. LT. Gremmels is a 1987 OSU graduate and he is excited to be back in Corvallis with the chance to enjoy

himself this time. If you're interested in aviation, LT. Gremmels is the man to see. He's been on an around the world cruise with the USS Enterprise. He performed air control, intercept, and surveillance over Iraq/Iran in 1991, and most recently he was involved in anti-drug ops in Panama for several months before reporting here.



*LT. J.H. Gremmels*

Reporting aboard as the new freshman instructor is LT. K.A. Fuller. LT. Fuller received her commission in 1989 and is reporting to us from her most recent command, NETSCPAC, in San Diego. She's still trying to get used to all this liquid sunshine we have, but she's excited about having the chance to teach and hopes to see the people that she influences leave with an even greater sense of self-confidence.

Finally, reporting aboard as the new assistant junior class instructor is QMC Dawley. Chief Dawley is



*LT K.A. Fuller*

reporting to us from her last duty station aboard the USS Mauna Kea (AE-22) where she spent much of her time underway. She is glad to be back in the Northwest where she can have time to visit her parents who live in Portland. She's also excited about having the chance to do some serious mountain biking on the hills of Corvallis.



*QMC (SW) J.A. Dawley*



## D&B SHINES THROUGH BUSY SEASON

BY MIDN LIPPY

The OSU NROTC Drum and Bugle Corps had a busy season. They started the year by capturing the 1st place Military Musical Marching Element trophy in the 1992 Albany Veteran's Day Parade. Along with the hard work and dedication of the team's six new freshmen, the D&B used this performance as a tune up for the annual Northwest Navy competition in February.

Although the team did not do as well as they had hoped in Seattle, they nonetheless put in a strong performance. Unfortunately, the team was edged out by a few points by the University of Washington Huskies. The team had a flawless inspection phase and an outstanding drill phase. The finale of the Northwest Navy

Competition included an exciting and dynamic exhibition phase which had the crowd on their feet cheering! Most importantly, the D&B left the competition with some valuable feedback on how to improve their performance even more for next year (Watch out Huskies!).

April saw the D&B traveling with the Drill team and Color Guard to San Antonio, Texas to represent the OSU NROTC battalion in the annual Battle of the Flowers parade. This trip was a long time coming and the outstanding performances by all the OSU NROTC teams were duly noted by the Texas crowd. The trip was an overall success and future invitations of our teams is definitely foreseeable.

The D&B's final performance of the year was the Annual Memorial Day Parade in Coos Bay. Under the leadership of Midn 2/C Robert Rule and the team's endless hours of practice, the performance could only be described as inspiring. **HOORAH! on an outstanding season D&B!**



## AIN'T NO STOPPIN' US NOW

BY MIDN BARBER

This year has been a year of adjustment for the Pistol team. The members have had to adapt and overcome to a constantly changing team and unit. From the beginning we were thrown into an environment of competition in which only the best reached the top.

Then the training began. The hours of practice; the nights of studying; the mornings of extra drills and PT; we kept honing and refining our skills.

Then the pinnacle of the year came, Northwest Navy, and we were ready for it. Again, the Pistol Team

dominated and came out on top. We managed to maintain our trophy and achieved the "Decade of Dominance" rule.

Now, while most teams have ended for the year, the Pistol Team is still charging hard. Through the adversities of losing friends from the unit, a trust has been made between the few left.

The 92-93 Pistol Team has done everything a team commander could hope for and more. For this, I applaud this year's Pistol Team and I am proud of the work they have done.



# LOOKING BACK





# ON '92-'93



# ACADEMICS

BY MIDN PAGE

Thirty-five members of the OSU NROTC Battalion achieved a Winter term grade point average of 3.50 or better. Though the number of personnel on the honor roll has decreased since last term, the members of the Battalion are still working hard, despite the adversities of the nice weather, to make an increase for next term.

The following is a list, by class, of these outstanding individuals who enabled the Battalion to achieve the goal of a Battalion GPA of 3.0 set by Captain H. M. Dyck at the beginning of the term. Bravo Zulu to all!!!

## Officer Candidates

K. Ahlm  
K. Allam

J. Biondi  
J. Buckley  
C. Budde  
J. Coleman  
M. Cunningham  
Z. Dunham  
R. Heilman  
R. Linebarger  
T. McVay  
R. Miles  
J. Odone  
M. Pellerito  
R. Riker  
G. Schulz  
M. Stoddard  
G. Uyeda  
S. VonHeeder

## Seniors

E. Bass  
S. Mahelona  
G. DeVore

## Juniors

D. Campbell  
H. Gori  
R. Livingston  
M. Payne  
R. Rule  
C. Swanson

## Sophomores

J. Lebakken  
W. Iverson

## Freshmen

K. Hamilton  
T. Sensabaugh  
R. Lippy

## Marine Options

M. Bostrom  
M. Donaldson

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