Drill Team Swim

On October 28 and 29, 1978, the Drill Team completed the most successful fund raising activity so far for the Tulane Invitational Drill Meet in New Orleans. The team swam from West Bank, North Landing, Eugene, to the river park under the bridge at Salem — a one-hundred-mile trek.

The swim involved all present members of the team and the senior members of last year's team. The juniors started the action by swimming the first leg. The swim lasted 26 hours, from 0800 to 2400 Saturday, and 0800 to 1800 on Sunday. The current was slow and the water cold, but wet suits were provided to protect the swimmers.

The landing at Salem saw six exhausted but relieved individuals limp onto shore. "It was worth it," and "Where's the brew?" were about all they had to say.

— MIDN 3/C Tim ZIEGLER

RIGHT:
MIDN 3/C Bob ALVICK gets cheered on as he takes a dip.
Captain's Corner

As I begin my final year as the Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at Oregon State University, I am pleased to report that, although we are down somewhat in total enrollment compared to the last couple of years, our morale is up and the quality of the people who make up the Midshipman Battalion continues to be exceptional. "The Best in the West and the Rest" still rings true and inspires the young men and women who are the Unit to continue its reputation for excellence.

The reports I have received concerning the performances of our Midshipmen during this past summer’s training cruises are a source of tremendous satisfaction. We can all be justifiably proud of the outstanding record of accomplishments compiled by the members of this Battalion. Judging from my contact with the new Fourth Class Midshipmen, I foresee only increased successes for Oregon State’s NROTC Unit in the future.

Well done and carry on!

— CAPT C. D. Ball III, USN

New Staff

Welcome Aboard Major DEICHL

Major R. J. DEICHL was commissioned via the NROTC program in 1965 at Notre Dame. From there he went to flight school and earned his wings in 1968. In 1969, he spent a year in Vietnam where he flew F-4 fighters. While there, he flew 280 missions. After Vietnam, he was assigned as an instructor at Cherry Point, NC, and then was sent to Andrews’s Air Force Base in Washington.

Major DEICHL’s next assignment was in Japan. There he served for six months with a ground unit as an air liaison officer.

After his tour in Japan, he was assigned to EL Toro, in Southern California, where he spent three years as the operations officer for VMFA 331.

Major DEICHL now serves as the Marine Officer Instructor and faculty advisor to the teams here at OSU NROTC as well as the Battalion Advisor.

Major DEICHL has a wife, Leslie, and a son, Eric. Welcome aboard, sir, and the battalion wishes you and your family a warm and constructive stay with OSU NROTC.

— MIDN 3/C Erica BODNER

Welcome Aboard to LT WOODARD

Our Unit is fortunate to have another pilot to add to our growing collection. LT John H. WOODARD, formerly of the VS-31 “Topcats,” joined the OSU NROTC staff this summer as a Freshman Class Instructor.

LT WOODARD graduated from Northwestern University in 1970 with a BS in Civil Engineering. He went on to receive a Master’s Degree in Aeronautical Systems Engineering at the University of West Florida while completing flight school. After graduation from flight school, LT WOODARD taught Advanced Multi-Engine and Basic Flight at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, for three years. He was then assigned to VS-31 to fly first the S-2G “Tracker,” and then transition to the new S-3A “Viking.”

LT WOODARD served three years and nine months with the “Topcats,” earning the designation Carrier Antisubmarine Plane Commander. He was also designated a Mission Commander, a distinction not normally earned by pilots. VS-31 has won the top awards available to an ASW squadron, including the Golden Wrench Maintenance Award, the Battle “E” Award, the Thatch Award, and the Isabel Trophy for the best overall ASW squadron in the fleet.

As for future plans, LT WOODARD wants to continue his education with Master’s Degrees in both Business Administration and International Affairs, with the long-term goal of attending law school when he completes his naval career. Shorter-range plans include getting back to an active Viking squadron after this three years with us.

We would like to extend a hearty “WELCOME ABOARD” to LT John WOODARD.

— MIDN 3/C David DESMOND
Freshman Orientation '78

"Rook's" Eye View of Orientation

This year's freshman orientation started at 0600 on Thursday, September 20th. My initial reaction was: "My God! Nobody in their right mind gets up that early." (I found out quickly that the people running orientation aren't in their right mind.) When I arrived in the morning I was told to stand in the line outside and wait. After waiting for about fifteen minutes in the chilly, damp Corvallis morning air, we were told that when the doors open, run inside and line up behind a squad leader. Suddenly the doors flung open and we were running in while a bunch of maniacs screamed at us to snap to attention. This I did while some less fortunate people started doing some push-ups. While I was listening to a voice describe the morning activities, a fly got tired and landed in my ear. When I shook my head just a fraction of an inch, a short skinny guy in fatigues yelled at me and told me to do ten push-ups. When I finished, everybody was told to fall out onto the road and jog to Avery Park.

When we reached Avery Park we stopped in the middle of a field that had just been watered by the morning dew. After doing a bunch of exercises designed to rip, pull, strain, and generally destroy every muscle we had, the maniacs decided to kill us in a four-mile run. Not one of our group died but a few people decided they didn't like their breakfast and got rid of it at the end. I didn't have any breakfast but my dinner tried to leave. I was able to keep it but I did get a little dizzy. Some of those maniacs insisted that we get permission prior to upchucking. (I often wondered what would have happened if they had refused permission.) Since nobody had died, the "Green Meanies" decided we should run back to the Unit, which we did.

When I returned for drill after a leisurely shower, I suddenly had a hard time understanding a language that until then I thought was my native tongue. However, once I figured out this new language, drill became easy, at least compared to earlier that morning.

I was looking forward to Friday because we weren't going to do any running, just swimming. In the swimming exercises the ever present "Green Meanies" only tried to drown me a few times. I do have to admit that trying to kill someone with their own pants is a novel idea, which almost worked. During the swimming tests, one of the "Green Meanies" told me that it was traditional to throw the battalion CO into the pool. I knew immediately that he was trying to get me in trouble, but after four more "Green Meanies" told me the same thing, I figured that it just might be worth it to get the head honcho. When the swimming ended, we did toss him in but everybody joined the act so he would have no individual to blame. Drill that day was more of the same from the day before, a piece of cake by this time.

The last day was supposed to be the easiest. However, I knew that it was also the last chance that the "Green Meanies" would have to get us. I was right as they did the same stuff we did Thursday, only in half the time. After going home to get cleaned up, everybody came back to watch the various teams. After watching them and joining a team, everybody mustered on the quarterdeck. We found out that most of the midshipmen in fatigues were not mental patients, although I still have a few doubts about a couple. We were then addressed by Commander R. H. Reiley, who welcomed us and praised our performance during the previous three days. We then were dismissed.

Actually, most 'rooks' would have to say that orientation was a worthwhile experience. They found out just what is expected of them, how to react under pressure, to obey commands, how to imitate a dying cockroach, dead eagle, and a gorilla, do push-ups, and have come to loathe the word "rookies"!

— MIDN 4/C Parker Hurlbut

10 more for the Marine Corps!
Freshman Swear-In

Midshipmen taking the oath.

Swearing-In Ceremony

The 26th day of September, 1978, was an important one for the new 4/C midshipmen and those 3/C midshipmen who received NROTC Scholarships this year. The swearing-in ceremony was brief but meaningful.

As Captain C. D. BALL III administered the oath, CDR REILEY, our XO, explained the significance of each portion of it. Good luck to all of you in your Naval or Marine Corps careers.

— MIDN 3/C Terry PARLIER

Teams Shooting for Mardi Gras Trip

Our highly successful Rifle, Pistol, and Drill Teams, along with the Drum and Bugle Corps, are engaged in efforts to raise the necessary funds to finance a trip to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras. They have been invited to compete in an invitational meet at Tulane University and march in a Mardi Gras parade. The goal of the fund raising effort is $10,000.00. So far the midshipmen have passed the $4,000.00 mark through various efforts. Most spectacular was the 100-mile river swim covered in another article. Other enterprising ideas have included cutting and selling firewood, Turkey Shoot, and Rent-a-Middy. Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort may send their tax deductible donations care of TAFRAIL, OSU, NROTC, Corvallis, Oregon 97331.

— Staff

MIDN 3/C Tim ZIEGLER exemplifies the Drill Team spirit.

RIGHT: MIDN 3/C Vivian I. MADISON holds on for another five seconds.
One of the first tests every year for the midshipmen is the physical fitness test (PFT). It's an initiation for the rookies which shows them what sort of physical abilities will be expected of them. For the rest of the battalion, it's a reminder to stay in shape, especially for those who had gloriously inactive summers.

The PFT consists of three parts. The men are required to do pull-ups, two minutes of sit-ups, and a three-mile run. The women's test involves a flexed arm hang, one minute of sit-ups, and a mile and a half run.

The results of the PFT were very impressive. Only a few battalion members failed to make their class standards while thirty-three midshipmen earned physical fitness honors by scoring 275 or higher out of 300 points. Six of the students who received honors were seniors, thirteen were juniors (almost half the class), and seven were from both the sophomore and freshman classes. Five midshipmen had perfect scores: MIDN 1/C Mark JASZKOWSKI, 2/C Clark LETHIN, 2/C Clive CAMPBELL, 2/C Dave BECKER, and 4/C Chris ROACH.

— MIDN 2/C Vivian MADISON

MIDN 3/C Roger HOYT does his pull-ups.

MIDN 4/C Richard GRESS makes it look easy.

Vivian makes it look easy (success!!!)

MIDN 4/C Nancy GROSSMAN does the flexed arm hang.
Saveker Day

Saveker Day is celebrated each year during fall term to promote camaraderie among the midshipmen. The day is dedicated to the memory of Richard Lloyd Saveker, a former midshipman at Oregon State University.

One of the major activities at Saveker Day is the selection of the most "Racemiferous Rook." This is the title bestowed on the Fourth Class Midshipman who has performed most outstandingly during freshman orientation. The honor this year went to MIDN 4/C Marty SALAZAR of 2nd Company.

After the announcement of the outstanding rook from each company and the presentation of "Racemiferous Rook," Captain BALL declared Saveker Day open. The annual upper-lower class football rivalry was under way with the freshmen declaring that the seniors were about to undergo "Senior Orientation." The results, however, were predictable as an outstanding senior team took the rooks in a high scoring game, 30-20.

The Sophomore-Junior game was a little less predictable as the Third Class men seemed to hold their own against the juniors. The score remained tied until the 4th quarter when in the last minute of the game, the juniors scored to bring the game to 12-6. Better luck next year, sophomores!

After football, the players returned to Avery Park for more good food and refreshments, a pleasant end to a pleasant day.

— MIDN 3/C David DESMON

Photos by 1/C Roger ROULEAU
Marines Celebrate Their 203rd Birthday

The Marine Corps celebrated its 203rd birthday on November 8, 1978. The evening consisted of the traditional cake-cutting ceremonies followed by a dance held at the Corvallis Elk's Club.

The ceremonies began at 2030 with the cake-cutting by the youngest and oldest Marines. MIDN 4/C HELLMAN and Brigadier General J. H. BERRY, USMC (ret), were given the honor. Color Guard presented colors as the Drum and Bugle Corps played, and the Drill Team presented arms. After the ceremony, the dance got underway to the music of Ragtime 3+1.

The dance continued until 2300 when the evening drew to a close. Happy Birthday Marine Corps! Semper fidelis.

— MIDN 3/C Erica BODNER

CDR ECKHOUT and MIDN 4/C Mark LAGIER receive birthday cake.

Navy Birthday

The Navy’s 203rd birthday was thoroughly celebrated by the battalion and staff of OSU NROTC. The annual Navy Birthday Ball was held on October 11, 1978, at the Elk’s Lodge.

As in previous years, the traditional cake-cutting ceremony was included in the evening’s program. Captain C. D. BALL III had the honor of cutting the cake, and, in accordance with Naval tradition, the youngest member of the command, 4/C Mark LAGIER, and the oldest Navy member present, CDR W. S. ECKHOUT, USN (RET), were the first to receive cake.

A Mardi Gras fund raising raffle and music and dancing comprised the remainder of the evening.

On October 13, the Navy’s birthday was honored in a ceremony at the Unit. Again there was a cake-cutting ceremony, which commenced at 1200 on the quarterdeck.

Our award-winning Drum and Bugle Corps opened the ceremony with “Anchors Aweigh” and the National Anthem. Four members of the Drill Team displayed their expertise in rifle handling with a brief exhibition before the cutting of the cake.

Captain C. D. BALL III presided over the affair and cut the first piece of cake with the traditional Naval sword. Captain BALL then dismissed the Drill Team members and the battalion enjoyed the cake and punch provided.

— MIDN 3/C Jennith MORRISON
— MIDN 4/C Sandra VAN BUSKIRK

Photos by 3/C Jennith MORRISON

OSU NROTC: “The Best in the West and the Rest!”
Battalion Athletics

Friendly Competition

Football was the name of the game when the battalion gathered on October 21, 1978, for battalion athletics. As usual, Headquarters Company compiled a perfect 3-0 record. First Company lost a close one to HQ in the first round, 6-8, but came back under the direction of MIDN LTjg Vince GOMES to compile a fine 2-1 record. Third Company got its only win in the first round over the winless Second Company. Congratulations to HQ and First Company on the fine showings.

— MIDN 3/C Pete LANE

First company prepares for battle against the foe.

MIDN 3/C Jeff KEHOE watches the game.

MIDN LT Brian DOERING, MIDN LTjg H. Peterson, and MIDN 2/C Carl CARPENTER in the huddle.

Got “Ya”!
Unit Commemorates Veteran’s Day

The weather was a clear and cold 31°F as the Color Guard, Drill Team, and Drum and Bugle Corps participated in the Veteran’s Day parade in Albany, on November 10th. The parade, one of the largest in Oregon, is an annual activity with Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC Units from all over the state. Civilian groups such as Scouts, Shriner, and various high school bands also join to make it a successful, yearly event. This year, among the dignitaries in the reviewing stand was Rear Admiral F. W. KELLEY, USN, commandant of the 13th Naval District. The commemoration ceremonies were held on the courthouse steps. MIDN 1/C Norval DODDRIDGE and MIDN 3/C Amy BARTELL raised the colors while Drill Team fired a salute. Taps was played by the Drum and Bugle Corp in memory of all those who have given their lives in service for their country. The ceremonies ended around 1330 and afterwards the participants were treated to a warm, much needed lunch. Although the cold was biting, spirits were high, making this year’s parade one of the best.

— MIDN 3/C Erica BODNER

Tri-Service Field Meet

The Tri-Service Field Meet was held on November 4, 1978. The day’s activities began with relays. Many motivated students from the Navy, Army, and Air Force ROTC Units found themselves pitted against each other in games involving greased pumpkin carrying,izzy-dizzy, and tug-of-war.

What followed was what everyone had been waiting for, the football games. It was Navy against Air Force and the Marines against Army. Although the Marines lost to the Army, the Navy was victorious in its game, finishing with a score of 14-12 over Air Force.

With a play-off scheduled, the day was cut short and the students left with memories of a day full of competition and camaraderie. The Navy stands ready, so check the next edition for the outcome of the Army-Navy game.

— MIDN 3/C Terry PARLIER

Company Projects

In keeping with the high standards set by the Unit, each company gets involved in a project every term for the betterment of the community or the campus. These activities are varied in nature as exemplified by this term’s projects.

Third Company was responsible for the Jerry Lewis MD Drive-A-Thon on November 4-5. The Dance-A-Thon was held in the Memorial Union Ballroom and many students participated. NROTC personnel were responsible for its setup, cleanup, and security during the 49-hour event. Third Company can be proud of the fact that, thanks to its involvement, over $3,000 was made which will go toward the fight against muscular dystrophy.

Second Company’s project was a little closer to home base. October 28th saw them with paint brushes and rags in hand to work on improving the unit’s exterior. They painted the chain around the unit and repainted the anchor bases as well as making other miscellaneous repairs. They also waxed the unit’s new van.

First Company’s project on December 2nd involved a cleanup of Avery Park and the planting of Iris bulbs at Pioneer Park.

Headquarters Company accomplished its project early in the term by providing security for the exhibits at the Fall Festival which is held each year in Corvallis.

Overall, the companies have done a fine job this term. They deserve a hearty “well done” and encouragement to continue their good work in the future.

— MIDN 3/C Erica BODNER

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
Senior Mess Night

Rear Admiral F. W. KELLEY was the guest of honor at this year’s highly successful Senior Mess Night. The evening was an enjoyable one, commencing with cocktails and proceeding on to dinner, wine, and entertaining comments. Fines for violation of the rigid mess protocol were plentiful and went to a worthy cause — the senior class.

RADM KELLEY was rumored to have contributed most generously to the fund. Other guests (and contributors) included: CAPT C. D. BALL III, Professor of Naval Science, and Commander R. H. REILEY, Jr., Executive Officer. RADM KELLEY’S address on the need for cooperation between the various communities in the U.S. Navy was very well received. He pointed out some of the advantages of such cooperation in light of the growing Soviet threat.

After his speech and various toasts, the formal mess was adjourned. Informality and friendly conversation was the rule for the rest of a very pleasant evening.

— Staff

Guest of Honor, Rear Admiral F. W. KELLEY, USN

Sustaining Unit Activities

In order to raise funds, battalion midshipmen man refreshment stands during football games.

MIDN 1/C Terry PLEASANT and Ensign CASEY discuss the evening.

MIDN 1/C A. SMITH, J. DUNCAN, and D. PHILPOT enjoy their night.
Seniors Look at Career Opportunities

To acquaint First Class and other interested Midshipmen with the various specialty careers available in the Navy, NS 411 has included guest lecturers from the various staff corps. This quarter, LCDR Ron LEE presented the Engineering Duty community’s career program, LCDR Dave SCHLEISINGER represented the Civil Engineering Corps, and LTjg Roger ADMIRAL covered the Supply Corps. These interesting and informative presentations not only provided midshipmen seeking the specialty career option an indepth look at their desired field, but also presented to the entire class a great deal of useful information about the services provided by these communities. Many thanks to these men for their time and expertise and we look forward to future visits from other communities.

— Staff

Northwest Navy

February 10, 1979, is the big day as NROTC OSU hosts this year’s Northwest Navy Competition. That Saturday will see NROTC units from the University of Washington, University of Utah, University of Idaho, and our own Unit competing for awards and trophies. Events will include Drill Team, Drum and Bugle Corps, Rifle, Pistol, and Men’s and Women’s Physical Fitness Teams competition. Competition begins at 0630 and will continue through the day until 1630. A banquet that evening at the Corvallis Elk’s Club will cap what promises to be a superb Northwest Navy Competition.

— Staff

Semper Fi Project

Spring term should bring with it a new addition to our Unit. The Semper Fi Club has initiated a plan to construct an obstacle course which will conform to USMC standards.

Approval for the course has been received from the OSU Planning Commission and the course will be located directly east of the Unit. Detailed plans of the individual structures have been drawn and will be resubmitted to the Planning Commission for approval.

Marines from Eugene have agreed to carry out the construction of the project, but help is needed to complete it by spring. The largest problem is in obtaining resources. Telephone poles, pipes, ropes, and other materials are still needed to make the project a reality. Anyone interested in assisting the Semper Fi Club should contact MIDN 2/C Jim McIntosh at 753-5314, Riviera Apts. #38. All help would be greatly appreciated.

— MIDN 3/C Terry Parlier

From the MOI

I would like to take this opportunity to both congratulate the newly named battalion staff for winter term 1979 and to commend the staff of fall term for a fine job. Fall term was loaded with activities such as freshman orientation, two birthday balls and ceremonies, drill competition, and athletics. The staff was organized, paid attention to detail, and checked and double-checked all aspects of each evolution.

These are keys to seemingly effortless success. Preplanning and lots of attention beforehand give the appearance of smooth execution, and the staff did an outstanding job.

The new staff has several challenges also. Getting the teams to Mardi Gras will be a major task as will hosting an outstanding Northwest Navy competition. Coupled with these events will be the job of keeping all hands motivated and fit during the long Corvallis monsoons so we are ready for the big push in spring. You are capable of improving on past records. Good luck and go for it!

— Maj R. J. Deichl, USMC
Albatross Eggs

Ensign Warren BYRUM, a former OSU NROTC midshipman, dropped in at the Unit on November 28. He has just recently graduated with a high average from SWOS and is now attending Damage Control School in Philadelphia.

Five of our battalion members have been selected for the Navy's Nuclear Power Program. The selection was based upon an interview with Admiral RICKOVER as well as other criteria. The five midshipmen are: MIDN 1/C Don PALMROSE (LOA), MIDN 1/C Vince GOMES, MIDN 1/C Bob ADAMSKI, MIDN 1/C Jim RYAN, and MIDN 1/C Daniel DISBROW. Congratulations and good luck to all of you.

The annual senior-staff football game resulted in another senior victory. Although the staff made its presence felt, the seniors pressed their attack and succeeded in overcoming a spirited staff team.

— Staff

Squad Competition

Squad competition was extremely close this year. After the initial platoon-level competition and the subsequent company-level competition, three squads were left to contend for first place.

PO1 Vivian I. MADISON and her squad represented 1st Company, PO1 Dwain MEYERS and his squad represented 2nd Company, and PO1 Jim ALAMEDA and his squad were the contenders for 3rd company.

The drill phase and inspection phase of battalion-level competition ended with 2nd Company on top with 154 points, 1st Company — 148 points, and 3rd Company — 146 points.

Everyone gave his/her utmost and congratulations to all three squads.

— Staff

Candid of the Term

"Umm Umm, that Marine Corps birthday cake is good!

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