SENIOR MESS NIGHT 1982

Senior Mess Night is a time for seniors to be indoctrinated into the formalities of a mess night, a chance to rib fellow classmates, and a time to exchange battalion billets. This year's Senior Mess Night lived up to its intentions.

The formalities began with a first and second call to dinner, followed by a preplanned seating arrangement, and the offering of grace by MIDN 1/C T. J. DYKSTRA. The grace this year was particularly poignant with the words of prayer offered to a fallen classmate, Tony Gehringer.

At this point, seats were taken and the evening meal was offered to the President of the Mess, MIDN 1/C C. J. ROACH. The meal was found suitable for human consumption and dinner was served. As the meal was eaten, the evening began to warm up to the festivities to come.

At the conclusion of the meal, the wine was declared ready to pass by the Vice President of the Mess, MIDN 1/C V. G. WARRINER. The first toast of the evening was to the President of the United States followed by the remarks of the President of the Mess, which concluded with an introduction of a "glowing" personality, the Guest of Honor, Commander Earnest R. LOCKWOOD, Executive Officer of the nuclear powered USS THOMAS A. EDISON (SSN 610). The remarks of the Guest of Honor were directed at the promise of fulfillment the Navy offered us in the coming years, and towards answering questions related to his experiences in the Navy.

Following this speech, the officers of the unit staff announced the billets for the following term and a half. This ceremony was highlighted by Captain James G. Williams' presenting the billet of Midshipman Battalion Commander to MIDN 1/C K. T. BRINTZENHOFE.

It was at this point that the Vice President of the Mess, made formal toasts to the Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary of the Navy and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Informal toasts and roasts followed this serious portion of the evening. It was unquestionable that this portion of the evening will be remembered best of all. Examples of things to be remembered are: orders as Navigator aboard the USS ARIZONA to LT LEES, a letter of commendation to MIDN 1/C ROACH and MIDN 1/C BAILEY for exemplary service aboard an unspecified "ship", and a fine directed at LT NAKAGUMA for possessing a name in a foreign language. The roasts were all in good taste as well as done in fun.

At the conclusion of the informal toasts, the final three toasts of the evening were made to the U. S. Navy, the U. S. Marine Corps, and the Class of '82, in that order.

The ceremony was then concluded with the mess members taking themselves, and parts of Knight's Joust and Tourney, to local establishments for continued celebration. It was an evening enjoyed by all, an evening in which a class drew closer together, and an evening most of us are still trying to remember in its entirety.

-MIDN 1/C V. G. WARRINER, JR.
From the CO

As I depart the Navy having finished my stint in ever quickening years I enjoy this opportunity to leave you with a few thoughts concerning our common experience - the Navy and Marine Corps NROTC Program at Oregon State University.

First and foremost, I have enjoyed my tour here with you as much as I have the great variety of other experiences that I have had during my past 30 years of commissioned service.

The NROTC Staff, both instructors and support persons alike have been superb in their dedication and energetic outlook. Wonderful people that make things happen in the way they should happen. Well Done!

You have provided me with a great sense of pride, in the motivation and competitive spirit found in the make-up of both individuals and the Battalion as a whole. In three short years, I have witnessed the transition of many through our educational process at OSU, and into professional life. It has been very gratifying.

The Unit and Battalion has enjoyed an outstanding reputation and I am confident you will continue to do so.

Each and everyone of you has my very best wishes for success, happiness, fair winds and, of course, following seas.

From the MOI

This has certainly been a busy, interesting year. During my first year "back home", I have enjoyed working with the midshipmen and getting to know them. The Battalion has grown steadily through the year. Improvements in knowledge, appearance, bearing, and military courtesy have been noted. Most midshipmen have been conscientious and hard working this year. Some, however, continue to lack the prerequisites of successful Navy and Marine Corps officers. To those few I say, "Get with it!" Consider the obligation and responsibilities - legal, moral, or otherwise - before you, and make a commitment to self-improvement. Where you falter, your fellow midshipmen must carry the load, for they care about the Unit, the Battalion, and their fellows. Let's all work even harder next year.

To the new Ensigns and Second Lieutenants, Congratulations! You have worked long and hard for this; wear your uniform proudly always. Remember - most Americans are proud of you and stand firmly behind you. Always be deserving of America's support and respect. Fulfill all your responsibilities to the maximum extent possible. You expect no less of your fellow officers. They, in turn, expect the same of you. The American public expects it of us, singly and collectively, and rightfully so...

"...I take this obligation freely...I will well and faithfully discharge the duties..."so help me God."

Do your best. We are all proud of you.

Semper Fi

A Farewell to CAPTAIN WILLIAMS

The Navy is unique from the civilian world in a great many aspects, and just this term, the Unit was forced to face one of these realities of the Navy - the frequent farewells so common to this world we will soon belong to. Captain James G. WILLIAMS III, our Commanding Officer for the past two years, departed rather abruptly from the Unit and the Battalion was forced to adapt to this sudden change. Captain WILLIAMS brought to this Unit a heavy emphasis on academics and a seriousness towards professionalism that will be remembered for a time to come, and his command will be remembered by all.

Capt. WILLIAMS was born in Santa Barbara, California in September of 1927 and received his commission in August of 1952 from the California Maritime Academy. His tours have included Executive Officer of the U.S.S. ELUSIVE (MSO 448), U.S.S. INGERSOLL (DD 652), and U.S.S. TOWERS (DDG-9), Instructor of Naval Operations at the United States Naval Academy and Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. BROOK (DEG-1), the Naval Station at Subic Bay, PI, and the OSU NROTC Unit. At the conclusion of his tour here, Capt. WILLIAMS retired from the Navy, after 29 years of service, to head a fleet of four oceangraphic vessels as the Marine Superintendent. He looks forward to this command with "great excitement", but will miss the atmosphere of the Unit as it was "an enjoyable tour, a little different than what I came from academia for a Naval officer is a pleasant change."

In coming to this Unit, Capt. WILLIAMS knew of the outstanding reputation this Unit had and expressed the goal of maintaining that reputation while "keeping it up at all times and by." It is unquestionable that he succeeded in achieving this goal, but he expressed a profound disappointment with the developing retention rate. He views the increasing number of dropouts through academic and aptitude problems as the single disappointment of his tour.

Upon leaving this command he stated that the highlight of this tour was the yearly commissioning ceremony. Captain WILLIAMS felt a personal commitment to each new Ensign and 2nd Lieutenant and expressed a great pride in being a part of their moving forward and demonstrating excellence in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. He stated that motivation was the key to doing well in the fleet, and the observed level of motivation at this Unit was unparalleled by any of his previous commands.

In his parting comments to the Battalion on May 20, 1982, he expressed a desire to return to the sea, and that this was the time to do it. But he had a more personal message for the Unit and the Battalion at the time of the interview. With the coming of the new PNS, COL. Michael E. STEIN, he felt it was the Battalion who set the tone for the Unit and consequently the level of professionalism would not change with the new CO. He said, however, that it was up to the Battalion to support the new CO in every way and he felt confident that the support would be received.

It is with a sense of regret that we bid farewell to Captain WILLIAMS, for his absence at this year's commissioning ceremony will be felt strongly by this year's seniors. The Battalion wishes Captain WILLIAMS good luck in his new position, and fair winds and following seas in the future.

-MIDN 1/C. V. G. WARRINER, Jr.
Rifle Team

The NROTC Rifle Team experienced a "year of rebuilding," according to MIDN 2/C J.M. RIPKEY. All members of the team were freshmen except MIDN 2/C RIPKEY and MIDN 1/C T.J. DYKSTRA. The freshmen were relatively inexperienced but showed great improvement throughout the year.

Unfortunately, the team had to drop out of their league because of a lack of members and did not fare well at the intercollegiate level because of inexperience. "The team next year will be more structured and intersquad competition will be emphasized," stated MIDN 1/C DYKSTRA. Before next year, each member of the team will have to prove his rifle shooting knowledge by giving instruction to experienced shooter MIDN 1/C DYKSTRA. This procedure has not been used before and should be beneficial to next year's team. The Rifle Team will be commanded next year by MIDN 4/C Mitch IRWIN.

"Overall, the team kept up a lot of motivation considering the amount of setbacks," concluded MIDN 2/C RIPKEY.

-MIDN 3/C L.A. BACON

Color Guard

Color Guard had a successful year with participation in various exhibitions including the Veterans Day parade, OSU basketball games, Dad's and Mom's Weekend exhibitions, Armed Forces Week, and the graduation commencement. Color Guard has continued to show great pride in carrying and presenting our nation's colors. But all is not work, for a time of celebration took place recently as the Color Guard had its Change of Command party.

The new Color Guard staff is as follows:
- CO - MIDN LT JG G.M. NADLER
- XO - MIDN ENS K.L. WILSON
- Color Squad Leader - MIDN PO2 C.D. FERGUSON
- Rifle Squad Leader - MIDN PO2 C.W. HUNTER

Color Guard salutes MIDN 2/C C.D. FAGO and MIDN 2/C M.A. DEVOE for their leadership through a very successful year.

-MIDN 3/C K.L. WILSON

STAFF PROFILE: Susan Bastendorff

As all midshipmen know by now, the place to go for an answer to any question is Susan BASTENDORFF's office. She is the Administrative Assistant for Midshipmen and has been working at the Unit since December 1973.

She supervises all the secretaries as well as typing papers for everyone in sight. During the years she has worked here she has seen the staff members come and go. She says, "I'm sorry to see the staff leave although it does make my job more interesting."

On 19 March 1982, Susan was "commissioned" by Captain J.G. WILLIAMS III as a Lieutenant. The ceremony was held in the CO's office and attended by the staff. After 8 years it's about time she made it to LT.

"The Unit used to really be a crazy place to work," she commented. She can recall the time when the FTS phone was painted with black ink and some unlucky few walked around with black faces all day, or when candy was made out of 'Tide' and given to midshipmen. She noted, "Now the midis seem to be calmed down and are more academically inclined."

Susan is married and has two daughters, aged 13 and 5. When she isn't busy around the Unit, her hobbies are sports, gardening, and reading.
LT. HAGEN

LT T. L. HAGEN first came to Oregon State University in September, 1970 as a 4/C midshipman with a Naval ROTC scholarship. While he was at OSU he made his presence known. As a sophomore, LT HAGEN was a squad leader. When he was a junior, he was the Public Affairs Officer, during which time he started the unit newspaper, formerly known as the Scuttlebutt, and now the Albatross. Finally, as a senior, LT HAGEN was the Battalion Commander, as well as president of the Naval Society which he also formed. He became interested in the A-6 as a senior, but he had the desire to fly when he joined the NROTC program.

LT HAGEN graduated from OSU in June, 1974 with a co-major in Business Administration, and Naval Science. From OSU, LT HAGEN was assigned temporary duty in Washington, D.C., working with the Aviation Detailers in the Bureau of Naval Personnel. He then went on to flight school in Pensacola where he earned his NFC wings. Choosing the fly A-6 (the leading edge of the sword of freedom), LT HAGEN moved on for more training to the Naval Air Station, Oceana, VA. There he trained in a Replacement Air Group (RAG) with attack squadron Forty-two as an A-6 bombardier navigator (NFO). LT HAGEN's next assignment was also at NAS, Oceana with attack squadron Thirty-four. During this 33 month tour, July 1976 to March 1979, LT HAGEN was stationed aboard the USS KENNEDY.

On board the USS KENNEDY, LT HAGEN has been all over the U.S. East Coast, the North Atlantic, the Caribbean, and the Mediterranean. He said that all the ports were good, but the better ones were Edinburgh, Scotland; Portsmouth, England; and Palma De Majorca, an island in the Mediterranean.

LT HAGEN returned to OSU in April 1979, for "duty" as the Sophomore Instructor. After 1 year as Sophomore Instructor, he then became the Senior Instructor for his final 2 years. LT HAGEN said that while at OSU the thing that he enjoyed the most was the overall interaction with the students, in class and on the sports field.

"It was fun coming back to OSU with some money to do the things I couldn't afford to do as a student. Oregon is a nice place," he stated.

LT. HAGEN has also enjoyed cross country skiing, rafting, and city league and intramural basketball and softball. He also enjoys flying privately. While in Corvallis, he has obtained his commercial pilot's license, instrument rating, and has become a certified Flight Instructor and Instrument Flight Instructor.

LT HAGEN is now moving on to another duty station. He will be homeported at the Alameda Naval Air Station, working in Carrier Group 3, an atoll staff, on which he will be the Strike Operations Officer. His job will be to plan and coordinate the missions and weapons of the strike aircraft on board the carriers.

Sir, thank you for your instruction, advice, and dedication. Best wishes as you move on in your career.

MIDN 1/C T. J. DYKSTRA

LT. NAKAGUMA

As LT S. T. NAKAGUMA reminisced about his years at the Trade School (also known as Annapolis, USNA), he shared some very fond memories with me. He recalls sitting around with his other buddies of the Class of 1976 developing most intricate dart shooters and being outsmanded by the resident mouse. Upon graduation from Annapolis, LT. NAKAGUMA realized that things would be different in his life now. He was going to be under the command of great people and he would have to perform well to please his superiors. Shortly after Naomi received her command position as LT NAKAGUMA's wife in their hometown of Lahaina, Hawaii, they both traveled to San Francisco where the Lieutenant took on the position as a recruiter for six months. As a matter of fact, although he doesn't mention it too loudly, LT NAKAGUMA is directly responsible for some of the OSU NROTC graduates of the Class of 1981.

After his job as a recruiter, LT NAKAGUMA spent six months at beautiful Coronado in San Diego where he attended Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS). With his performance at SWOS, he was rewarded with the opportunity to serve aboard the USS DAVIDSON (FF 1045), stationed in the far off and exotic port of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. "Join the Navy and see the world...or at least to get really know your backyard," thought the Lieutenant.

It was aboard the USS DAVIDSON that LT NAKAGUMA became an outstanding line officer. One might say that he became quite well known. For example, one day serving in the engineering space, he became involved in an uncontrolled boiler fire. Later there were three-quarters of a million dollars worth of damage done to a main space, due to a 10,000 gallon fuel leak and another fire aboard ship. LT NAKAGUMA also got to spend $48,000 to replace, then re-replace the magnetron of the on-board radar equipment in less than 3 hours. The CO was "quite amazed" with LT NAKAGUMA's ability to spend money so fast. As the months passed, the USS DAVIDSON found itself under tow four times, but the Lieutenant continued to thrive. One afternoon when the DAVIDSON was going into Hong Kong, LT NAKAGUMA had the con and was the OOD. It was during this time that he had the chance to be the first officer on board to Moore a frigate to a busy! Despite LT NAKAGUMA's great value (?), the CO of the DAVIDSON thought it would be best for him to go to MPA school. Although the Lieutenant originally declined the offer, in a short time the CO helped LT NAKAGUMA to understand how much he really wanted to go.

Two months of MPA school sent LT NAKAGUMA back to the USS DAVIDSON for 24 months. After he finished his tour with the DAVIDSON, he wanted shore duty at an NROTC unit. With the preference of California Maritime Academy, or University of Washington, LT NAKAGUMA was stationed at OSU.

In his years here, he has really grown to enjoy Oregon, OSU and wet shoes. Serving as the sophomore instructor has been quite an experience for him...and also for the sophomores. In August, LT NAKAGUMA will depart for Department Head School in Newport, Rhode Island for six months of training. Following this, he hopes to be stationed aboard an Oliver Hazard Perry class cruiser on the east coast. In going to sea he has three goals: 1) to become a LCDR, 2) become command qualified as a department head, and 3) to have an enjoyable tour.

As a member of the sophomore class, I have enjoyed LT NAKAGUMA's wit and humor along with his unique teaching ability. I join the sophomore class and the rest of the unit in wishing LT NAKAGUMA good grace in his future.

MIDN 3/C J. H. GENDRON
From the Outgoing Battalion CO

This has been a very rewarding three months for me as Battalion Commander. Almost every underclassman in the battalion has shown improvement, and the upperclassmen have performed in the best professional manner. This has been a productive term for the battalion. After Northwest Navy, First, Second, and Headquarters Company performed their company projects. A large number of midshipmen participated in the OSU student Telefund and Blood Drive. At Battalion Athletics, the unit staff was severely defeated in baseball. Finally, we ended the term with the highlight of the year, the Navy Ring Dance. It was at the Ring Dance that MIDN 1/C K. E. LUTTERMAN was announced as the new Battalion Commanding Officer. Mr. LUTTERMAN is an excellent leader and an Executive Officer and Operations Officer are the best. One thing I would like to say to everyone in the battalion, and I hope this is remembered when you reach the fleet, “It’s the average officer who can find fault in any plan, but the officer who stands out is the one who makes the plan work”. This applies to any job, so it is something worth keeping in mind for the future. I wish you all the best in what lies ahead.

MIDN 1/C K. T. BRINTZENHOFE

Platoon Competition - Spring 1982

The drill sessions of spring term were dedicated to preparing for platoon competition that was held in Gill Coliseum on May 4th. During these weeks of preparation, midshipmen were found shining shoes, reviewing information, holding extra drills, and doing whatever was necessary -- to be the best. As the competition date approached, it became clear that the motivation to do well was high.

The actual competition consisted of an inspection phase and a drill phase. Inspection covered uniform appearance as well as knowledge of general orders, leadership principles, and current events. The drill sequence was randomly selected by each platoon from four pre-rehearsed drill cards. Each platoon was judged according to its execution of the sequence, dress while marching, and observance of the time and space regulations.

When the final scores were tallied, 2nd Company 1st Platoon, commanded by Midshipman Ensign C. J. ROACH came out on top. The runners up, respectively, were 1st Company 2nd Platoon commanded by R. L. BURTON and 2nd Company 2nd Platoon, commanded by D. K. SALAZAR. The entire competition was marked by a good deal of confidence and a remarkable display of military bearing, reflecting credit upon all those who participated.

Battalion Athletics

It was a cold rainy Saturday morning, one that would cause most people to stay in bed. However, most NROTC midshipmen were up and competing in softball at Battalion Athletics held at Avery Park.

The three companies of the Battalion as well as a staff team participated. Two fields were used to speed up the double elimination event.

After all the battles had been fought, 1st Company was declared the winner followed by HQ and 2nd Company. The staff team also managed some victories along the way.

Once the softball games were completed, a game of soccer was played throughout the afternoon.

Once again another good time and successful day was had by all.

From the Incoming Battalion CO

This past year has been a rewarding one for all of us. Midshipmen 1/C J. ROACH and K. T. BRINTZENHOFE, and their staffs have guided the Battalion through a year that saw a lot of changes, and brought us out on top. I am very proud of this Battalion and our accomplishments of the past. I look forward to bigger and better things next year.

"Rookie O" next fall is in the planning stages and it looks like we will have the largest Freshman class of some years. Let's get ready and motivated for next fall to carry out a professional "Rookie O" and instill our pride of this Battalion into the new Freshmen.

The primary purpose of this battalion is to train the best possible officer candidates. A major part of that goal is to ensure technical proficiency. As a battalion, we have a lot of room for improvement in grades. We are the elite of the University, the fact that we are here attests to that. Let's improve the grades so that nobody can show us up.

I look forward to next year, I hope you do also. Let's come back in the Fall, ready to live up to, and exceed, our reputation.

MIDN CAPT K. E. LUTTERMAN

CO Inspection

On Tuesday, May 11, 1982, the final Captain's Inspection was conducted by the acting Professor of Naval Science, CDR F. M. BURLESON. After the inspection, CDR BURLESON stated that he was quite pleased with the overall superior appearance of the Battalion. Following the Commander's remarks, awards were given to several outstanding midshipmen for exceptional aptitude and academic performance.

Congratulations to both the awardees and the entire Battalion for a job well done. Listed below are the awardees and their respective awards:

FRESHMEN

NROTC Staff Award by Douglas W. FISHER
Swords of Honor by Leslie C. FERGUSON

SOPHOMORE

NROTC Staff Award (Soph) by David L. MEDLOCK
Academic Achievement Award by David M. PIERCE
Swords of Honor by Lisa C. BARFIELD

JUNIOR

Aptitude Award (Navy) by Kurt E. LUTTERMAN
Aptitude Award (Marine) by C. Tom BURTON
NROTC Staff Award by Robert J. MILLER, Jr.

SENIOR

Naval Institute Award (Scholarship) by Victor G. WARRINER, Jr.
Naval Institute Award (College) by James P HALFERTY
Marine Corps Association Award by Mark E. CANTRELL
General Dynamo Award by Kurt T. BRINTZENHOFE
PFT Award (Navy) by Harold W. DAVIES
PFT Award (Marine) by Chris J. ROACH

GENERAL AWARDS

Drill Team Commander's Plaque by Kurt E. LUTTERMAN
Drum & Bugle Corps Commander's Plaque by William L. PETERSON

A star studded clear night sky, Navy dress whites and formal dresses, fine cuisine, a softly lit room, a nice dance floor, a live band and fine company were all in the makings for a fine and fun-filled time. Once again on Wednesday, May 19, 1982 the OSU NROTC unit upheld naval tradition by honoring the seniors with the Navy-Marine Corps Ring Dance.

The festivities began at about 2000 with the receiving line. The members of the receiving line were Battalion Public Affairs Officer Midn. LTg (jg) S.S. ROACH, Commander and Mrs. F. M. BURLESON, Major and Mrs. W. N. MYERS, and Midn. Captain K. T. BRINTZENHOFE and his date. For many people the receiving line was a new experience and for the others it was old hat, but in any case, it was the perfect way to start the night off.

The focal point of the evening came with the Ring ceremony. In this ceremony, the seniors and early graduating seniors are honored and we wish them luck as they embark in their new professions as Naval and Marine Corps officers. The ceremony started as the honor guard, which was composed of members of the drill team, entered the dance floor.

Master of Ceremonies Midn. 2/C T. BURTON put on a fine performance and had something to say about everyone. Midn. 2/C C. D. FAGG and his date presented the ceremonial waters for the occasion. The first couple honored by the waters was Midn. 1/C R. D. ANGEL and his date. All in all, 27 others were honored along with two juniors who are graduating early next year.

After the ceremony came the announcements of next year’s Midshipman Battalion Staff Billets. These were presented by CDR F. M. BURLESON, MAJ. W. N. MYERS, LT. W. E. CHEESEMAN, and LT. K. M. LEES.
DANCE

Thus, having completed the formal ceremonies, the band gladdly once again took over. The evening was a total success and fun for one and all. Listed below are the positions of the new Battalion Staff:

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Operations Officer
Assistant Operations Officer
Personal Officer
Supply Officer
Physical Training Officer
Chief Petty Officer
Alumni Affairs Officer
Fiscal Affairs Officer
Public Affairs Officer
Midn CAPT K. E. LUTTERMAN
Midn CDR J. P. RYMAN
Midn LCDR M. B. SMITH
Midn LT R. L. NIKOLEY
Midn LT J. T. VISTICA
Midn LT (jg) M. A. RILEY
Midn LT(jg) K. L. GADY
Midn MCPO M. D. PIDCOCK
Midn LT(jg) D. M. LEINGANG
Midn LT(jg) J. W. AILES
Midn LT(jg) L. C. BARFIELD

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
HQ Platoon Commander
Midn LT C. T. BURTON
Midn LT(jg) W. L. PETERSON
Midn LT(jg) C. D. FAGO

FIRST COMPANY
Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
1st Platoon Commander
2nd Platoon Commander
Midn LT R. J. MILLER
Midn LT(jg) L. L. DENNIS
Midn ENS M. S. SIMS
Midn ENS R. D. LEE

SECOND COMPANY
Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
1st Platoon Commander
2nd Platoon Commander
Midn LT K.L. MURRAY
Midn LT (jg) L.L. LINK
Midn ENS S.S. ROACH
Midn ENS B.P. STICKNEY

-Midn 4/C C.W. HUNTER
MOM’S WEEKEND

By tradition the first weekend in May was a special one for OSU students. It was Mom’s Weekend and many special events were planned to make mom’s stay more enjoyable. In Gill Coliseum on Saturday morning, Headquarters Company put on its annual exhibition. The Drill Team, Drum & Bugle Corps and Color Guard assembled for the presentation of colors. The D&B then played a variety of military music and made a special dedication to Mr. Alan SCHULER for composing some of the pieces they played. An excellent presentation was put on by the Drill Team under the command of next year’s Commander MIDN LT (jg) R. E. BOWERS.

Afterwards an open house was held at the Unit so that the moms could meet the Unit staff and get acquainted with other moms. Coffee and punch were offered to a large turnout of moms and midshipmen. It was a good way to start off Mom’s Weekend.

-MIDN 3/C K. D. RICHARDSON

DRILL TEAM: A New Year - A New Staff

On April 9, 1982, the Drill Team held its annual change of staff party at Avery Park. Among those in attendance were Captain WILLIAMS, Major MYERS, Commander BURLESON and most of the unit staff. Also in attendance for the festivities were most of the aging Drill Team seniors, who were there to find out what was in store for our illustrious team next year.

After a little confusion in setting up, the party soon got underway with the presentation of the new staff positions. These is as follows:

MIDN LT(jg) R. E. BOWERS Commanding Officer
MIDN ENS R. M. WERSELL Executive Officer
MIDN CPO J. A. KATICH Mustering Chief Petty Officer

MIDN 4/C R. C. HICKS 4th Squad Leader
MIDN 4/C G. R. KROKUM 3rd Squad Leader
MIDN 4/C R. W. PHILLIPS 2nd Squad Leader
MIDN 4/C J. WASHABAUGH 1st Squad Leader
MIDN 4/C J. D. ANSLEY Uniforms Officer
MIDN 4/C C. D. HOGGATT Weapons Officer
MIDN 4/C C. W. HUNTER Public Affairs Officer

With a lot of teamwork, next year’s team will be better than it has been in the past. Congratulations and sincere thanks to the 1981-82 staff for making us what we are today.

-MIDN 4/C J. WASHABAUGH

PISTOL TEAM

After a satisfactory year, the NROTC Pistol Team is anticipating a prosperous new season. MIDN 4/C NUSBAUM, HURLESS, and EDWARDS showed great promise while MIDN 3/C NEWKIRK, KLIERVER, RICHARDSON and SERGENT were the team’s top seniors.

Besides competing against other schools, some team members recently attended a retreat to Mt. Hood for skiing and relaxation.

No changes have been planned for next year and the team’s new CO will be MIDN 2/C Scott SABIN. MIDN SABIN will be assisted by MIDN 3/C SERGENT as XO.

-MIDN 3/C L. A. BACON

MOFEX

To be an officer candidate of the United States Marine Corps is something special that must be worked hard for. In order to prepare oneself for Officers Candidate School (OCS), known as Bulldog to midshipmen, Second Class midshipmen and Platoon Leaders Class Students (PLC) participate in Bulldog prep. Organized and led by the Senior Marine Option, there were 7 midshipmen, 3 PLC’s and an Army cadet.

Three class periods and two afternoon sessions per week is quite a bit of time, but the amount of knowledge and skill that is instilled in the candidate greatly surpasses the time commitment. The afternoon sessions were two hours long and there is quite a lot that can be done in that time. We would learn about fire team and squad tactics in class and use them in the field. Our indoctrinations to forced marches were interesting. The first one was very short, but that was followed two weeks later by an 8-mile march. The seniors put together an endurance run just for us. It’s only four miles but scattered with various obstacles throughout. A great amount of compass and orienteering work was done.

The seniors attempted to teach the candidates everything they needed to know for Bulldog before they arrive there. This enables Oregon State candidates to be better prepared than other candidates. Things will not be new and as difficult, and the candidates will have the experience.

The practical application for the USMC squad tactics is during a single weekend called MOFEX (Marine Option Field Exercise). Friday, May 14, 1982, at 1630 all candidates reported to the Unit. Day and night compass work was done that evening and a minimal night’s sleep was awarded the candidates. After convening at the Unit, buses were boarded for destination MOFEX.

Laden with full packs, every candidate marched in and set up camp. As dawn approached, breakfast was eaten and squad problems and reaction problems commenced. A reaction problem is when the fire team leader is given a mission and the tools to complete the problem, and he is supposed to guide his fire team through it. Between every set of three squad problems and reaction problems, a mile and a half forced march had to be completed. That went on until dusk when every candidate gave impromptu speeches around a campfire.

The following morning MOFEX was completed with a 14 mile death march. This was not done together but was an individual effort.

MOFEX and Bulldog Prep was quite an experience. Every candidate learned much needed knowledge in preparation for Bulldog. The purpose of this class is to prepare the candidate for the summer. By past results, Oregon State candidates have always fared well at Bulldog, and hope to keep up that tradition this year.

-MIDN 2/C J. P. RYMAN
MX: Why, How and Why Not

Lately, the MX missile system has been in the news. I intend to show why the MX missile should be built, how it should be deployed, and the effects of doing so. The first question to answer is why it should be built.

The best reason why the system should be built is one of survival. The various ways of deploying the MX all strive toward the same goal: to force the Russians to shoot at empty targets, thus wasting warheads, or giving them no targets that they can hit.

The methods of deploying the MX missile fall into four groups, with one point agreed upon by most. This point is the need for an anti-missile defense system. This will force the Russians to target more warheads at our missiles, thus sparing more valuable targets.

The four proposed methods of deploying the MX are: 1) Putting the MX in existing Minuteman silos, and increasing the silos' hardness so that they can withstand a direct hit; 2) An air-launched system that can't be hit by an ICBM warhead; 3) Putting more missiles on submarines which can't be hit with an ICBM warhead; and 4) The multiple protective shelter system which works like a giant shell game, causing the Russians to shoot at meaninglessness targets.

The first method is the least expensive and easiest to accomplish. It is also the least effective because it doesn't do anything to alleviate the problem of ten Russian warheads for every U. S. silo.

The second method is the most expensive in the long run, but it is vulnerable to long range Russian attack. Unfortunately, it still does nothing to alleviate the overwhelming superiority of numbers that the Russians have.

The third method is very costly, as well as prohibitive under the SALT II agreement. The missiles for this system are the Trident 2 missiles. Again, the number of Russian warheads is still much greater than the number of American silos.

The last method is middle-of-the-road in cost, but has the drawback that the residents of Utah and Nevada don't appreciate the MX system being in their "back yards". It is the most effective in drawing off the surplus Russian warheads.

Each of the proposed methods of deploying the MX has advantages and disadvantages, but I feel the last method is the best in the long run. Currently, two variations of this type of deployment are being considered.

by Midn 3/C G. M. NADLER

D&B Change of Command

The 1982-83 Drum and Bugle Corps staff was announced at their annual change of command banquet. As of May 6, 1982 the staff is as follows: CO - MIDN LT(g) D. A. TROTTER, XO - MIDN ENS E. A. MURRAY, and MCPD - MIDN CPO G. A. ZWICKER. The squad leaders are MIDN 4/C J. M. COULTER, K. G. MANRING and B. C. VOGT. The billets for bugle section and drum section leaders will be filled by MIDN 4/C J. W. WOLLENBECKER and K. J. O'DONNELL, respectively.

The banquet, which was held at the Class Reunion, was made possible in part by the efforts of the team during the D&B Tacoma to Corvallis Bikathon fundraiser organized by the outgoing CO Midn. LT(g) W. L. PETERSON.

Besides the usual gag awards given as final roasts to individual team members, a special award was given to a past midshipman and D&B member, Mr. Alan E. SCHULER, in appreciation of his outstanding contribution and assistance during the past few years. -MIDN 3/C L. M. EARNEST.
CHANGE OF COMMAND

On May 25, 1982, MIDN CAPT K. T. BRINTZENHOFE passed the battalion flag to our new Battalion CO MIDN CAPT K. E. LUTTERMAN. The change of command took place during Tuesday afternoon drill. The Battalion was decked out in their dress whites for the occasion with everyone looking sharp and keeping the tradition of “The Best in the West”.

Also during the change of command ceremony and passing in review, the spring awards were given to those people who did outstanding work during this past school year. It is important to recognize these individuals who excel in academics, activities, and teams.

Two freshmen receiving awards, Doug FISHER was presented the Bowler Award and The Savesker Award was presented to Don STIGER.

Of the sophomores receiving awards, David PIERCE received the Bowler Award, The National Sojourners Award was presented to Don LEINGANG, and the Portland Retired Officers Award went to Bob BOWERS.

Louis PETERSON received the Bowler Award for the juniors. Sheri ROACH received the Reserve Officers Association Achievement Award and the American Legion Award. The American Defense Preparedness Award went to Kevin CADY.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award went to Louis PETERSON and Kevin CADY. Carl FAGO and Tom BURTON received the Reserve Officers Assoc. McAlester Chapter Award and The Military Order of World Wars Award of Merit was presented to Kevin MURRAY.

The overall outstanding senior midshipman was Kurt BRINTZENHOFE who received the Navy League Award. The outstanding Marine Option this year was Mark CANTRELL and he received the Marine Corps Reserve Officer Assoc. Award. Other seniors who received awards were Mike BRUGATO, the American Legion Achievement Award, Tim DYKSTRA (Navy) and Roger ANGEL (Marine), the Reserve Officers Assoc., Portland Award; Mike WARRNER, the Daughters of the American Revolution Award; Steve PFAFF, The Sons of the American Revolution Award; Kevin VISSCHER, the Fleet Reserve Assoc. Award, and Wayne STEENSON, The Military Order of World Wars Award.

Also some general awards were given to different people for participating and doing well on the Unit teams. Doug NEWKIRK of the Pistol Team received the Top Gun Award. Tom EDWARDS received the TVRO Trophy Award. Tim DYKSTRA was presented with the Dick Lyden Trophy Award. The Gunny’s Plaque went to Mitch IRWIN. And finally, the Childers-Delchi Award went to Dan SERGENT.

MIDN 3/C B. M. HOLDENER

MIDSHIPMAN PROFILE:
Kurt T. BRINTZENHOFE

MIDN Kurt T. BRINTZENHOFE recently received the Distinguished Midshipman Graduate award at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. The award, created by Navy Secretary John F. LEHMAN, Jr. honors midshipmen who meet the highest standards of leadership, academic, and military performance. One senior midshipman from each NROTC Unit and 20 midshipmen from the Naval Academy receive the award.

On his trip to the Naval Academy, Kurt was given a tour of the Academy and decided it was more of a technical school with more hands-on training than OSU offers.

The next day, he and the other awardees were given a tour of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. After a morning speeches from officials such as the Secretary of the Navy, and Commandant of the Marine Corps, the midshipmen ate lunch in either the Secretary of the Navy, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or a Vice-Admiral’s mess.

The banquet at the Academy was the highlight of the four day trip. Five midshipmen were seated at a table with a flag officer and his wife for the evening. The Under Secretary of the Navy made the award presentations to end the evening.

Kurt first went to Southern Oregon College and then decided the Navy was “the place to be” and got accepted for summer training at the Naval Science Institute. Last year was his first year in the ROTC program and he was a squad leader. This year he was first a Platoon Commander and currently Battalion Commander.

During his stay here at OSU he has been active in Swords of Honor as Vice-President, calculus tutoring, and attended Northwest Navy as a member of the PFT team.

One of Kurt’s more memorable experiences was being interviewed by Admiral Hyman G. Rickover for Nuclear Power training. Kurt was accepted into the nuclear power community and will be reporting to Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida during July. Kurt also enjoyed his summer cruise on a nuclear submarine, saying that he feels the cruises are the most important part of the program.

When Kurt isn’t studying or participating in unit activities, he enjoys scuba diving and plans to renew his hobby in Orlando this summer.

MIDN 3/C L. C. BARFIELD

COMPANY PROJECTS

On April 10, 1982, 2nd Company held their annual spring term project. After meeting at the Unit, they went to Sunflower House in Corvallis. Sunflower House is a crisis center that serves people 24 hours a day. 2nd Company helped to clean up the area and did minor repairs as well as some painting to refurbish Sunflower House.

1st Company participated in their company project on May 8, 1982. They assisted the Corvallis Fire Department by going from door to door in the outlying areas of the city and passing out newsletters. These newsletters informed the citizens that they belong to the Corvallis Rural Fire Protection District. It included a self-adhesive label to be attached to the phone, instructions for fire drills, and a number to call for more information.
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