COMMISSIONING

On June 5, the 1983 graduating class of Midshipmen will be commissioned Ensigns or Second Lieutenants in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. After four or five long, hard years here at OSU, the seniors are looking forward with great anticipation to being out in the “real” Navy. We, as underclassmen, will of course miss the class of 83 but wish all of you good luck in this first big step in your military careers. Below is listed the graduates and their duty stations.

Ensign

L.L. Dennis, Jr
T.J. Dykstra
R.J. Gress II
R.W. Lanigan, Jr.
K.E. Lutterman
K.L. Murray
M.B. Smith
B.P. Stickney
C.D. Batchelder
T.T. Brice
M.A. Brugato
W.A. Kay
D.W. Pfluger
K.E. Visscher

Duty Station

Naval Aviation
Nuclear Power
Naval Aviation
Naval Aviation
Nuclear Power
Naval Aviation
Surface Warfare
Naval Aviation
Naval Aviation
Naval Aviation
Naval Aviation
Surface Warfare
Nuclear Power

2nd Lt.

J.P. Ryman
C.J. Roach

Duty Station

The Basic School
The Basic School

Senior Midshipmen to be commissioned at a later date:

L.C. Barfield
K.L. Cady
W.L. Peterson
M.A. Riley
S.S. Roach

J.T. Vistica
C.D. Fago
L.C. Link
R.R. Moffitt
R.L. Nickoley
Our first year together has drawn to a close. It's been a most successful year from the opening gun at Rookie "O" to graduation and commissioning.

The average college student is tasked only to learn the academic skills required for a selected career, as a midshipman you face that task and additionally must learn many of the technical skills required of an officer while learning to be an officer. A daunting task indeed! But a task which you have all accomplished in style while managing to have a good bit of fun on the side.

We can all look forward to next year with the confidence that it will be even better than this. We have a strong Rookie class coming in. It will be somewhat larger than this year's was. All who will be returning next year will have an important part in building a stronger and more vital Battalion structure on the foundation provided by our graduating seniors.

The best of fortune to the newly commissioned ensigns and second lieutenants. As we say in the Naval service — fair winds and following seas/Semper Fidelis. To those of you who are returning: have a good time this summer, enjoy your cruises, see you in September.

COLONEL MICHAEL E. STEIN

The past term and one half have been action packed. The whirlwind of activities made the time fly. I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to the midshipman battalion, midshipman staff, and unit staff for the help, work, and self-sacrifice in carrying out the many duties and activities.

The battalion woodcut was a success because of the people who both planned and worked hard. My sincere appreciation to all who helped out. Next year's budget won't have to be as lean as this past year's.

It is sometimes easy to get caught up into the planning and evolution of all the unit activities and lose sight of the reason why we are here and also lose touch with the people with whom we are working.

As future officers we need to constantly be aware of those around us, and we need to continually be reminded of our purpose and reason for being here.

We are preparing for an honorable profession; to serve and represent our country and to defend the lifestyle we freely enjoy.

It is often hard to fathom the responsibility we will hold as men and women in arms. As we continue our experience and involvement here in the battalion, let us keep in mind the moral responsibility we will soon hold as officers in the service of the United States.

MIDN CAPTAIN K. L. CADY

AND NOW, A WORD FROM THE MOI

Another year behind us, and so quickly. Where does the time go? Into academics, athletics, drill, picnics, projects, and social activities. To be a successful, productive member of the battalion requires one to be a "juggler". Have you taken a good look at the calendar of events from September to June? Anyone who can keep up, as most of the midshipmen have, with all the demands placed on them-schoolwork, living group, family, NROTC, soon learns to manage a most precious resource-time.

Another important resource in our line of work - people - certainly cannot be ignored. Within the battalion there are many billets; some are more people-oriented (platoon commander, for example), while others require application of different talents (fiscal affairs, photo crew, etc). They are all important. Together, the midshipmen officers plan and supervise the myriad events from September to June. With a very few exceptions, those midshipman officers have performed their duties in a competent, professional manner.

To those midshipmen returning in September - enjoy your summer, reflect on your accomplishments, and come back ready to do even better next year. To those new Ensigns and Second Lieutenants - congratulations! The knowledge you gained from books, lectures, etc., is certainly important. But and this is very important - regardless of your occupational specialty - Infantry, pilot, navigator, nuclear power, whatever - remember what you have learned through observation and application about working with people. Your troops will look to you for leadership and guidance. Don't let them down. The old saying "Take care of your men (and women) and they'll take care of you" is more than just words. Ask any successful person (in the military or not!).

Semper Fi
MAJOR WILLIAM N. MYERS
FAREWELL

LT. K. M. LEES

LT. LEES is a graduate of the NROTC program at Purdue University, where he received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1978. After attending Surface Warfare Officer School, he was assigned to the USS Chicago (CG-1), which was once the "World's Most Powerful Guided Missile Cruiser." On board, he served as the Operations Electronic Division Officer, and then as the Operations Intelligence Officer, and earned his Surface Warfare Qualification.

LT. LEES has been here at OSU for three years, the longest time of any in the present Unit staff. While here at OSU, he earned his Masters in Mechanical Engineering, and changed his designator to engineering duty.

LT. LEES has a wife, Ann, no children, and one dog. His next assignment will be the Philadelphia Ship Yards where he will be a Ship Supervisor in charge of overhaul and repair of Navy vessels. "Good luck to all the midshipmen and graduating seniors, and I hope to see you in the fleet." So do we, Lieutenant.

MIDN 4/C D.W. WILLITS

SKCS JONES

Senior Chief JONES enlisted in the Navy in February of 1962 and is getting ready to retire this year on October 31. Throughout nearly his whole career Senior Chief JONES has worked in supply departments around the world. During his 20 year career he has seen duty in and around Vietnam, in the U.S., and in various other foreign countries. To go along with his extensive traveling, Senior Chief JONES has earned, in the least, several awards including: the Navy Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal - 5 awards, and Antarctic Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal - 6 awards. In addition, he is qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.

After attending Boot Camp in San Diego, Senior Chief JONES received orders to the naval Station on Treasure Island and began working as a Boatswain's Mate. In 1963, he transferred to the USS MARS (AFS-1) which was a newly commissioned ship. He worked as a BM for a stint and then shifted to supply by the time he left for duty on USS RANIER (AE-5) in April, 1965.

From there, Senior Chief JONES had various sea duty assignments and foreign duty assignments. Included are duties at the Naval Technical Training Center in Kenitra, Morocco, at the Naval Support Activity in various places in Vietnam, on USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3), which was also a newly commissioned ship, at Naval Support Forces in Antarctica as part of Operation Deep Freeze, and on the USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1) out of Bremerton, Wash. His shore duty assignments include duty at NAS KINGSVILLE, Texas, the Defense Investigative Service in New Orleans, at the naval Technical Training Center in Meridian, Mississippi where he was an "A" school instructor, and finally at NROTC, OSU.

Senior Chief JONES married his wife Lorraine in July of 1963 and has a son and a daughter. His son is currently in Boot Camp for the Navy and plans to attend HM "A" school. His daughter is a Freshman at Monroe Union High School. After retirement, Senior Chief plans to attend college and certify as a blacksmith. If things work out he's going to open up his own blacksmith shop in Alphee, Oregon.

MIDN 4/C R. POTTS

GYSGT ARTHUR

Gunnery Sergeant ARTHUR came to Oregon State University in June of 1980. His previous command was the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan. And soon, Gunnery Sergeant ARTHUR will be leaving us. He is to report to recruiting school in San Diego sometime in September. They figure he is a smooth talker and will be able to lure other likely candidates to want to be good Marines like he is. With his warm, friendly smile and positive personality, who could resist?

I'm beginning to wonder if the unit will be able to survive without the Gunny. Oh sure, a replacement will come, but it just won't be the same. I have gained a lot of respect for the Gunny. He believes in letting his people do their own work, but he also gives freely of his time for the guidance they need. He has taught me a lot about dealing with people and what it takes to get done what needs to be done. He is good working with people and knows their potential. I'm sure that is part of being a good Marine. You have to deal with people every day. It is part of being a good officer in the U.S. Marine Corps or the U.S. Navy. He has instilled in me a positive attitude and way of thinking to know I can do anything if I only try.

The Marine Corps is lucky to have Gunnery Sergeant ARTHUR as one of their own. We are lucky too, to have had him for three years as part of our unit. But, they even make a few good marines go away. To stay with tradition, the Gunny deserves the best of Navy farewells. So, fair winds and following seas, Gunny. Long may your stay be.

MIDN 2/C B.M. HOLDNER
USAFA INVITATIONAL DRILL MEET

It was 0200, Wednesday, 27 April. The Drill Team was at the Unit preparing to depart for the United States Air Force Academy. The team, accompanied by Major MYERS, was on its way to its second competition of the year, something that hadn't been done in 2 years. We were prepared after the 3 weeks of intense practice after spring break. The 30-hour van ride was a chance to get mentally prepared for the competition. When we arrived Thursday morning, we knew that the easy part was over, now we had to look ahead to Saturday’s competition. After some room shuffling, the squads were all prepared for the last minute inspection prep.

It was Saturday, 30 April. The team was waiting to go out on to the inspection deck. The weather was not so good - it was beginning to rain and the wind was gusting up to 45 m.p.h., not very good weather for a drill meet. We were the last team to go on, so some of the Academy cadets came out to watch us drill. When we started the Inspection, the judges decided to move the Inspection under cover to avoid the rain. The team did very well and our team spirit was high. After the Inspection, they had us wait for it to stop raining before doing Regulation and Exhibition. It finally stopped, but the wind was still going strong. We knew it would be hard to hear, but we still had to go out before it started raining again. Regulation went well, so it was on to the Exhibition phase. This was our final test, the rest of the day was behind us. Exhibition was pretty shaky, we went off feeling empty, but we still felt that we had done well enough to take 2 firsts, a second, the Commander's, and the Overall, if we were lucky.

At the Awards Ceremony, we came in with high hopes and came out with 2 seconds (Inspection & Exhibition) and one First (Regulation). The Academy won two firsts, a second, the Commanders, and Overall. We were sunk, but we kept thinking of next year, and how good it would feel to take those trophies away from the Academy. We'll see how it goes next April. Until then, all we can do is work for it.

MIDN 3/C J. WASHABAUGH

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As this year draws to a close, it is interesting for me to reflect back on the day I volunteered to be editor of the Albatross. This edition is probably my last as editor. As editor, my journalistic abilities certainly have been challenged. I'd like to give special thanks to all the writers and photographers. I also want to give special recognition to my assistant editor MIDN 2/C Morgan WINEBARGER. Without Morgan, it would have been very difficult to meet deadlines on time.

Congratulations to all the Seniors who are graduating and receiving their commissions. It is truly a commendable achievement. It is certainly a privilege and an honor to be an officer of the United States Navy or Marine Corps. As officers, you will be leading other men all with a common cause. You will be taking responsibility for preserving what this great nation stands for: freedom, personal dignity, and the Christian principles this nation was founded on. I wish for you all the same success you have found at Oregon State.

As for the Juniors, congratulations on our new Senior billets. We are in charge! I view leading the Battalion as a challenge.

Being editor of the Albatross has been a fun and rewarding experience which I intend to pass on to another. For those of us who are returning next fall, I hope everyone has a nice summer and a terrific cruise. See you all this fall!

MIDN 2/C CHRIS WAGENET
EDITOR

MERITORIOUS MAST

On May 10, 1983, MIDN 4/C R.G. JAMIESON was the subject of a Meritorious Mast conducted by the Battalion Commander for outstanding service as follows: "From January to April 1983, MIDN JAMIESON continuously sought out and accepted increasing responsibilities while serving as a squad leader for Second Platoon, First Company, a billet normally held by an upperclassman. In this role, MIDN JAMIESON spent many hours of his free time assisting his squad members demonstrating a sound knowledge of drill procedures. In addition, MIDN JAMIESON is an active member of Mare Nostrum, Semper Fidelis, the Pistol Team and the Photo Crew. He has qualified as dark room technician, range officer and has served on various committee. MIDN JAMIESON continues to maintain academic excellence and exemplary aptitude as evidenced by a 3.91 GPA and a 3.7 aptitude mark. MIDN JAMIESON'S exceptional initiative, motivation, and the tremendous pride he has for the unit reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service."

Albatross extends its congratulations to MIDN JAMIESON, who has accomplished more for himself and contributed more to the battalion in the span of three short months than many midshipmen do in three or four years. He is an outstanding example for other midshipmen to follow.

MIDN 2/C M.T. WINEBARGER

DRILL TEAM CHANGE OF STAFF

On Saturday, May 7th, the Drill Team held its annual Change of Staff Party due to poor weather and prior commitments, only COL STEIN, MAJ MYERS, and LT CHEESEMAN were in attendance from the Unit staff. There were, however, several retired drill teamers such as Chris ROACH, Kurt LUTTERMAN, John VISTICA, and Dorian PYNES. Also in attendance were Bob BOWERS and Rich WERSEL, who are now living the easy life in retirement. The festivities began around 1600, and lasted until we broke the keg (I think it was about 2300). During the course of the evening, gifts were presented to the Sophomores and Juniors by the Freshmen. (The gifts will not be identified.) Afterwards, the Sophomores announced the second year billets for next year, followed by the Juniors announcing the third year billets. These are as follows:

Commanding Officer - MIDN LTg R.C. HICKS
Executive Officer - ENS J. WASHABAUGH
Mustering Petty Officer - MIDN SCPO J.D. ANSLEY
Chief Petty Officer - MIDN CPO C.D. HOGGATT
1st Squd Ldr - MIDN PO1 J.B. DAVID
2nd Squd Ldr - MIDN PO1 T.P. HARRYMAN
3rd Squd Ldr - MIDN PO1 D.S. HAAS
4th Squd Ldr - MIDN PO1 D.S. PIXLER
Weapons Officer - PO2 R.H. BAISE
Uniforms/Supply Officer - MIDN PO2 T.S. GARRIDO

Congratulations are in order for MIDN 2/C P.E. BOWERS and R.M. WERSEL for their time and dedication put in to make a successful, not to mention outstanding, year.

Congratulations also to the new staff on their newly acquired positions. Let's see if we can make next year even more of a success by sweeping all three competitions. It's going to be tough, but I'm confident we'll do it.

MIDN 3/C J. WASHABAUGH
PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
SPRING 83

It was a rainy overcast day, but the battalion showed up to put their bodies to the test and possibly to improve their score during the sprint PFT. The early-risers were headquarters Company who started the off at 0700. At eight o'clock First Company hit the mark, followed an hour later by Second Company.

Everyone took their turn wrangling out as many pullups or chinups as their tired bodies would allow, then proceeded back inside onto the mats to wrestle with the two-minute clock to do as many situps as they were able to manage.

Walking over to the starting line for the three mile run, I joked with my comrades about being out of shape, and asked who wanted to run cleanup. When Second Company blazed off at the start and left me at my usual spot in the rear, I realized that I was the only one not joking and promised myself to start running more often.

When the scores were finally tallied, the jocks and jockettes attaining 275 points or above for the PFT award were: MIDN 1/C's LINIK, PETERSON, RYMAN, and STICKNEY; MIDN 2/C's EARNEST, HOLDNER, RYNES, BURGESS, and WERSEL; MIDN 3/C's ALAMAN, ELDORIGE, GLAZIER, HENDERSON, HICKS, SHARP, SMITH, and THIEN; and MIDN 4/C's BROGAN, DAY, DOODS, DORMAN, LARKIN, and MURPHY. Kudos to all with special congrats to Midshipmen Stickney, Holdner, Rynes, Henderson, Dodds, and Murphy for achieving perfect scores of 300.

Battalion athletics was scheduled to cap off the day, but unfortunately was cancelled due to rain — thereby screwing up an afternoon of softball, just because a few midshipmen were afraid of getting a little bit wet.

To all of you who were unsatisfied with your scores, now is the time to start training for the fall PFT, not the weekend before. Remember, a pullup saved is not a pullup earned.

MIDN 2/C T.A. DITRI

FRESHMAN DAMAGE CONTROL TRIP

"FIRE, FIRE, FIRE, compartment two tack eight eight tack two, Class Bravo. Repair Two report immediately." With speed and efficiency, they did too, for they knew if 2-88-2 was lost, chances were they would lose all of the USS Reserve Center. As the brave repair party prepared itself, the lead hoseman checked the door leading into the compartment and found that flames were raging closeby on the other side. With the utmost caution, he undogged the hatch, and the second hose team quickly shoved the fog applicator in the crack, creating a heatshield and allowing the first hose team to attack the fire. The raging inferno was quickly extinguished, but a new threat appeared to endanger the lives of the repair party and the survivability of their ship. A 608 pipe in the compartment had sprung several leaks, causing the compartment to slowly start filling up with water. Working with skill and precision, they started the process of patching the high pressure pipe, working against cold water and high pressure. Then when two members of the repair party started spraying them with water from the hose, things really started getting nasty.

In actuality, the fire existed only in the minds of LT CHEESEMAN, 13 fourth class midshipmen and Chief NICHOLSON, who is in charge of Damage Control Training at the Naval Reserve Center in Eugene. The field trip was part of the mid's education in damage control this term. Although there was some mischievous fun involved, it was an educational experience that gave all a better grasp of just what is involved in damage control. It was a rewarding trip which none will soon forget, and provided a chance for practical experience in using DC equipment.

MIDN 4/C D.W. WILLITS

WOODCUT

It was one of those sunny April days you dream about in January. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, the birds were singing, and a squirrel scolded me from his perch in a big old fir. There was nothing to spoil the charm of this spring day in Mac Forest except the snarl of chainsaws, the thunder of crashing trees, and the shouts of 40 or 50 hardworking midshipmen.

By the time the weekend of April 16 and 17 was over, the battalion had pulled out the makings of more than 30 cords of firewood. The wood will be split at a later date, and sold at a huge profit. The money will go to battalion activities next year.

Once the trees were down, they were helpless. But it was often a hard fight to get the wily timber down. They pulled the saw blades, in an effort to gradually reduce our will to cut. Some would grab a chainsaw bar and pinch it to the stump as a last act of defiance. Even after they began to fall, many relied on their comrades among the other trees to hold them up off the ground.

For most, however, these tactics only managed to delay the inevitable. The saws took a steady toll. Once it hit the ground, a tree would be cut up into man-sized chunks. It was at this point that several fights broke out. The marine Options were determined to carry the wood up the hill, while the Navy Options insisted that the best method was to move it down the hill to the road, where trucks could haul it out. Naturally averse to going downhill, in the spirit of cooperation the MO's moved the road to the top of the hill.

And so it went, on through Saturday and into Sunday. Cut cut cut, haul, haul, haul, haul. The sun was warm and sweat flowed like water. But that was what made the days so successful. Hardwork and a sense of humor. There's only a little bit of work left, and then the real fun comes, though — spending the money.

MIDN 3/C K.G. MANRING
RING DANCE

Once again the OSU NROTC Unit upheld naval tradition by honoring the senior class of 1983 with the Navy-Marine Corps Ring Dance on Wednesday, May 18, 1983.

The dance, under a star-studded clear night sky, took place at the Corvallis Elks Lodge where Navy dress whites and dress blues, elegant formal dresses, fine refreshments, a spacious dance floor centered in a softly lit room, a live rock-n-roll band and a splendid crowd composed of officers, midshipmen, guests, and their dates set the atmosphere for an exciting, fun-filled evening.

The festivities began with the receiving line at 2000. Members of the receiving line were headquarters Company Commander Commander MIdn. L.T. J.G. PYNES and Battalion Executive Officer MIdn. Ccommander W.L. PETERSON and their dates, Colonel and Mrs. M.E. STEIN, and Commander and Mrs. F.M. BURLSON. For many people the receiving line was a new experience and for others it was old hat, but in any case, it was a dignified way to begin the night.

The focal point of the evening was the Ring Ceremony. In this ceremony the seniors are honored as they prepare to embark upon their new professions as Naval and Marine Corps Officers. The ceremony started as two freshmen midshipmen rolled out the traditional white carpet from the ring followed by the drill team forming the honor guard. Mid. 2/C R.E. BOWERS and MIdn. 2/C K.D. RICHARDSON presented the ceremontal waters for the occasion. Master of Ceremonies MIdn. 2/C D.M. LEINGANG and MIdn. 2/C D.C. WYATT teamed up to put on a fine performance as they joked about each senior as he or she approached the ring's binnacle containing the seven seas of water.

Of the senior class 16 were honored and wished the best of luck of which six were Navy, two Marine Corps, and eight taking leave of absence to further continue their studies.

Upon completion of the Ring Ceremony came the announcements of next fall's Midshipman Battalion Staff Billets. These were presented by COL M.E. STEIN, CDR F.M. BURLSON, LT. L.K. HARDWIG, and LT. W.E. CHEEEESEMAN.

Having completed the formal ceremonies, the crowd once again filled the dance floor as the band rocked on until midnight. Overall, the evening was a big success and everyone seemed to have a great time.

MIDN 2/C D.C. WYATT
RING

BATTALION STAFF
Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Operations Officer
Assistant Operations Officer
Personnel Officer
Supply Officer
Physical Training Officer
Chief Petty Officer
Alumni Affairs Officer
Fiscal Affairs Officer
Public Affairs Officer
MIDN CAPT Robert Bowers
MIDN CDR Don Leingang
MIDN LCDR James Nees
MIDN LT Clinton Maddox
MIDN LT Mark Ripkey
MIDN LTjg Tom Ditri
MIDN LTjg Mark Picock
MIDN MCPD Brian Tansey
MIDN ENS Ron Hearn
MIDN ENS John Bottenberg
MIDN ENS Jeff Trailer

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
HQ Platoon Commander
MIDN LT Lisa Earnest
MIDN LTjg Danny Miller
MIDN LTjg Morgan Wnebarger

FIRST COMPANY
Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
1st Platoon Commander
2nd Platoon Commander
MIDN LT David Parkhurst
MIDN LTjg Charles Kliwer
MIDN ENS Steve Bristow
MIDN ENS Kevin McConnell

SECOND COMPANY
Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
1st Platoon Commander
2nd Platoon Commander
MIDN LT Rick Mcgavic
MIDN LTjg Chris Wagenet
MIDN ENS Tim Polsin
MIDN ENS John Sytsma

DANCE
PLATOON COMPETITION

The event that most everyone had worked so hard for, finally arrived on May 3. It was the annual Platoon Competition, which matched the battalion's four platoons against each other in Drill and Inspection phases. Each Tuesday over the previous several months, the four platoons had practiced all of the many drill maneuvers until they knew all of them by heart. Some of the platoons had even held several late night practices to develop the proficiency needed to win the prestigious competition. Necessary information such as General Orders, Leadership Principles, the Battalion Staff, and Current Events had been memorized, or should have been.

When we all had mustered at Gill Coliseum at around 11:20 a.m., I noticed everyone was busily making last minute preparations, but the mood seemed calm. With a few exceptions, the platoons and their commanding officers put on a fine performance as midshipmen of Headquarters Company observed the event from the stands. The inspecting officers of the battalion were very thorough in their evaluations, as everyone knew they would be. Some were "glitched" for minor things they overlooked or neglected, which cost their platoon valuable points. 2nd Company dominated the competition, as 2nd Platoon won the Inspection Phase with 645.2 points, and 1st Platoon won the Drill Phase with 290 points. The overall winner of the 1983 Platoon Competition was 2nd Company, 2nd Platoon with 960.2 points. Special congratulations go to Midshipman Ensign D.M. LEINGANG, Commanding Officer of the winning platoon. The competition was a success in promoting pride and professionalism among all of the midshipmen who participated. Let's work even harder next year!

SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the problems with academics is that there are few rewards for a job well done. The announcement of the CNET scholarship selections this spring, however, proved that hard work and good grades can pay off - quite literally. It also proved, once again, the high quality of midshipmen at Oregon State. A total of eleven (that's right, eleven) two-year, three-year, and three and a half-year scholarships were awarded to OSU midshipmen this spring, and, according to LT. W.E. CHEESEMAN, several more can be expected from the second board, which meets in July. In accordance with our policy of recognizing excellence within the battalion, Albatross extends its congratulations to this spring's scholarship recipients:

Two-Year Scholarships

Midn. 3/C N.T. HECKROTH, a business major from Sutherlin, Oregon; and Midn. 4/C K.J. MECKLEM, a psychology major from Milwaukie, Oregon.

Three-Year Scholarships

Midn. 4/C D.V. RUSSELL, computer science major from Honolulu, Hawaii; Midn. 4/C D. KRAUS, also a computer science major, from Portland, Oregon; and Midn. 4/C K.R. YOUNG, from Klamath Falls, Oregon, and industrial engineering major.

3½-Year Scholarships:

Midn. 4/C C.T. MAHRE of Sunnyvale, Washington, majoring in political science; Midn. 4/C K.R. SCHOTT, an atmospheric science major from Corvallis; Midn. 4/C S.M. BROGAN, business major, from Carson City, Nevada; Midn. 4/C M.A. LARKIN, also a business major from San Diego, California; Midn. 4/C J.C. HOWLAND from Burns, Oregon, a nuclear engineering major; and Midn. 4/C A. SNYDER, a CEM major from San Diego, California.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

April 20-21: dates of infamy. A group of 70 midshipmen made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their battalion. Well not quite, but the young officer candidates did part with large quantities of their own blood for a very worthy cause. The company project this spring was participation in the Red Cross blood drive and work for the OSU Telefund. The blood drive drew by far the larger number of volunteers. First Company had 16 representatives, Second Company had 17, and the remainder came from the Battalion Staff and Headquarters Company. "Needless to say, HQ led the way with 89% participation," informed Midn. LT Dominic PYNES.

When asked why he participated, Midn. 3/C R.P. HEARON stated, "I know it will help; besides it is one small pint from me, and one giant donation for mankind!" In all, another fine showing by the midshipman battalion. BRAVO ZULU to all who participated!
AWARDS CEREMONY

The 1983 awards ceremony was held on May 17 in Gill Coliseum. The entire battalion was present to honor the outstanding midshipmen that were to receive awards. These midshipmen earned these awards through the outstanding performance and achievements during the year.

Colonel STEIN, once the awards were presented, congratulated all of the awardees as well as the battalion on an outstanding year. He has been impressed with the Unit during his first year and is looking forward to the years to come in keeping with our reputation of “Best in the West and All the Rest”.

This year’s award winners are:

Midn. 4/C
Gerald B. THOMAS ...........................................Swords of Honor
Jonathon B. DAVID ...........................................NROTC Staff
Daniel S. HAAS ................................................Saveker
Danny S. PIXLER ..............................................ROA of Corvallis
Russell G. GARTZ ...............................................The Tyro Trophy
Vicki J. LOONEY ..................................................The Gunny’s Plaque

Midn. 3/C
Keith G. MARRING ..............................................National Sojourners
Keith G. MARRING ..............................................Drum and Bugle Commander’s Plaque
Douglas W. FISHER ............................................Academic Achievement
John A. BOTTENBERG ..........................................Swords of Honor
Mark D. HENDERSON .........................................NROTC Staff
George C. LOONEY .............................................Rifle Team Commander’s Plaque
Gavin W. BALAN ................................................The Dick Lyndon Trophy
Jennifer BARTLETT ............................................The Dick Lyndon Trophy

Midn. 2/C
Kevin L. WILSON ..............................................Color Guard Commander’s Plaque
Robert E. BOWERS .............................................Drill Team Commander’s Plaque
Robert E. BOWERS .............................................American Legion
Robert E. BOWERS .............................................Alexander Chapter ROA (MO)
Robert E. BOWERS .............................................American Defense Preparedness
Robert E. BOWERS .............................................Aptitude Award (MO)
Scott C. SABIN ..................................................Pistol Team Commander’s Plaque
Lisa M. EARNEST ..............................................VFW (MO)
Clint W. MADDOX ..............................................Top Gun
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THE TRI-SERVICE BALL

After 3 years, the 60th annual Tri-Service Ball finally made it to O.S.U. Sponsored by the Swords of Honor, the dance ran smoothly and efficiently.

The dance started with the receiving line which consisted of Col. STEIN, Col. KARPEN, Col. HARDISON, Dr. PARSON, and their wives. Later, O.S.U. Vice President Dr. PARSON, and Col. HARDISON addressed the assembly and introduced the ceremonial cake-cutting. Escorted by Midn. Chris WYATT and two cadets, the cake reeled up to the center to be cut by Midn. Capt. Kevin CODY and the Army and Navy cadet commanders. The cake was then returned to the back of the room to be divided up. The Swords of Honor with John SNEED as President, Dave ABBOT as Vice President, Dave SANDBERG as Sergeant of Arms, and Doug TROTTER as Treasurer, started planning this event in January. Each service had a particular task to carry out. Navy representatives Midn. Chris WYATT, Jim NEES, and Chuck KLEWER set up decorations. The only minor mishap occurred late in the evening when Midn. Jim NEES attempted to trip a net to release a flourish of balloons amidst the dancers of a slow romantic song. Well, the small inconspicuous string didn’t quite do the job, so Jim grabbed the nearest boot hook and pulled them down.

In retrospect, the evening went well. Considering this is the only non-competitive tri-service social function at OSU, the Tri-Service Ball is a tradition worth keeping.

MIDN 2/C D.G. SERGENT
SEMPER FI PHYSICAL FITNESS CONTEST

When you get OSU Marine Option Midshipmen together, some sort of competition is sure to develop. April 23, 1983 was just such a day. It was the Semper Fi Club’s Second Annual Physical Fitness Contest and the competitors weren’t only Marine Options from OSU. There were Marine PLCs from OSU and U of O, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters, and some competitors from the Corvallis community.

Oregon’s weather held true to form, threatening to rain out the day’s events but it didn’t hinder the competition. There was team and individual categories in both male and female divisions. The events included the O-course, speed course (women), push-ups, pull-ups, flexed-arm hang (women), sit-ups, and a three mile run.

Though the actual number of competitors was disappointing, the competition was keen in both the men and women’s divisions. The biggest surprise came after all the scores had been tallied. A group of hard charging Navy Option Midshipmen representing the Mare Nostrum Club won the team competition, defeating both Marine and fraternity teams. Our Battalion Commanding Officer, Kevin Cady took the All-Around Individual trophy in the men’s division and Katy Moulding, an employee of Mothers Mattress Factory Tavern took the All-Around Individual trophy in the women’s division. The event awards went to several competitors but the OSU Midshipmen had the best showing.

The competition concluded with the awards presentation by our own Major W.N. Myers. A barbeque, fun and games followed the competition. The Marine Corps Officer Program recruiter was on hand to award Bob Bowers and Lisa Earnest Marine Corps warm up jackets for their study efforts in the Keg Toss.

MIDN 2/C K.M. McCONNELL

MOFEX

This was it. The candidates had been sweating through Bulldog Prep for six weeks. Now it was MOFEX time. MOFEX—Marine Option Field Exercise. A weekend of relaxing fun and rest in preparation for the summer’s trip to Quantico.

The frolics began Friday, May 13, with a casual stroll under full pack in to set up base camp. After a few party games, the candidates settled in to a long and restful sleep under the stars.

The next morning, the MO’s awoke to music and another day of spectacular Oregon weather.

Don’t let anyone kid you. MOFEX is no picnic. It is a demanding weekend of training and testing that caps off the long weeks of preparation that go into OSU’s Bulldog Prep. Saturday night alone, the juniors had to deal with squad problems, reaction problems, fire team problems, a night compass course, impromptu speeches, plenty of sleep and good food, and plenty of rain.

Sunday was highlighted by what is affectionately known as the death march. This was an 11-mile course covered with pack for time. The first one finished, Midn. 2/C R.E. BOWERS, completed the route in 2 hours and 18 minutes.

Saturday, a small group of “Aggressors” made things hot for the juniors during reaction problems. Made up of Midn. PETERSON, DODDS, HOGGATT, and HANSLEY, they repeatedly attacked the candidates.

There were several others who assisted in MOFEX, including all sophomore MO’s, SGT GRINDE, and Midn. HAAS. The seniors ran the program.

OSU has a reputation for sending some of the most prepared candidates back to Quantico, and there are those that will tell you MOFEX is in some ways tougher than Bulldog itself.

MIDN 3/C K.G. MANRING
MARINE ORIENTATION FIELD TRIP

This year's M.O.F.T. Left the Eugene Airport on Monday, March 21st at 1600 aboard a U.S. Marine Corps DC-9. Twenty-one midshipmen led by Major Myers, left for Southern California to begin a four day learning experience about the Marine Corps. Other schools making the trip included U. of Utah, U. of Washington, Ohio State University, and U. of Colorado (Boulder).

After leaving Eugene, we flew to Washington to pickup the U. of Washington at 1900. It was rather cool and damp outside as San Diego had been hit by heavy rains lately. The weather was of some concern because most of our time would be spent outdoors. From the San Diego Airport we took a bus ride to Camp Pendleton, where we would stay at Infantry Training School for two days.

Tuesday morning began with breakfast at the enlisted dining facility for I.T.S. school. We were then marched out to the fields where we heard a lecture on the techniques and objectives of attacking an enemy force. We then observed a platoon go through the whole process from planning the attack to actually carrying out the attacks. For lunch we were given MRE's, Meals Ready to Eat, which is going to replace C-Rats. That afternoon we saw a demonstration with tanks, amphibious landing vehicles, and weapons such as the M1A1, an anti-tank gun. We were given the opportunity to walk around and question the men who operated the equipment. We were all quite impressed with the pride each man took in his job and the enthusiasm with which he performed it. We finished the day with dinner and liberty at the EM club.

The following day we were taken to the rifle range. At the range we watched Marines from I.T.S. shoot. Then we were all given the opportunity to fire and M-16 rifle. We then proceeded to Combat Town, a place used by recruits and Marines in I.T.S. Here Marines are taught the proper techniques of entering and taking control of a village. First we were given a lecture and then we watched as students from I.T.S. demonstrated these techniques. After watching we broke up into squads and ran through it ourselves.

Reveille on Thursday was at 0400. This gave us the opportunity to field day the barracks and eat by 0630, for the buses to San Diego at 0700, where we would spend the rest of the week. We arrived at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego at 0900. Upon our arrival we were welcomed by the base C.O. We were then taught techniques of close combat fighting. What we learned was soon put into action when we did some Pugil Stick Fighting.

After eating lunch we mustered at the Bridge Over Troubled Water. On this bridge we fought with pugil sticks until somebody was knocked into the water. Many of us from Oregon took a rather unpleasant cold swim that day.

On Friday we got the opportunity to run both the obstacle course and confidence course. The confidence course was built to challenge a person's confidence in his own ability. But when completed it also instills a new confidence in himself. After eating lunch we proceeded to watch a very impressive recruit graduation. Part of the ceremony consisted of a film which told of what a recruit must go through to become a Marine. That night we were invited to a banquet at the Officer's Club. At this banquet we got the opportunity to talk to many Marine officers with different jobs. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

D & B IN THE DAFFODIL PARADE

This spring on the weekend of April 9th, the Drum and Bugle Corps made its annual trek to Tacoma, Washington, to march in the Daffodil Parade. The team went up Friday night and stayed at the home of the parents of Midshipman Commander Louis Peterson.

The next morning the team was up early and ready to march in the parade by ten o'clock. The weather did not look encouraging. It was cold and cloudy, and rain was in the forecast. Everyone was hoping it would not be a repetition of last year, when drum sticks were lost and covers were blown away. Fortunately, it wasn't. As the team began to march down the streets of downtown Tacoma, the sun came out and warmed the day. The crowds applauded as the team marched by to the tunes of "Anchors Aweigh," "The Marine Corps Hymn," "Semper Fidelis," and "When the Saints Go Marching In." Then, all too quickly, it was over.

The team had once again successfully marched in a parade, but the story did not end there. The team had to get back to Corvallis in time for the Tri-Service Ball. One van, the "quick van," left for Corvallis with most of the team members at about noon. The other, "the slow van," left about an hour and a half later, but still planned to make it back to Corvallis by seven o'clock for those attending the Tri-Service Ball. However, "the slow van" turned out to be slower than expected. It was making good time and close to reaching its goal when smoke began billowing from the engine just outside of Salem. After help was reached several miles down the road, phone calls made, and a tow truck summoned, YNI Robertson drove up from Corvallis with the other van to pick up those who were stranded along the roadside. By the time they got back to Corvallis, it was eleven o'clock. Needless to say, those who had dates to the Tri-Service Ball missed them. It did make the trip more interesting though.

Never the less, the trip was worth it, and the team is looking forward to next year.

MIDN 3/C K. J. MECKLEM

HELP WANTED

Albatross, Harpoon, and Photo Crew are the working parts of the Public Affairs Office. Albatross is your unit newspaper. It comes out once every term, by some miracle that modern science has yet to explain. Harpoon is your unit yearbook. Photo Crew chronicles all battalion activities with pictures. They also do yearbook portraits and other essential chores.

Contrary to popular opinion, Albatross and Harpoon do not appear magically out of thin air whenever midshipman consensus deems it necessary. They are the products of weeks of planning and hard work. The unfortunate fact is that these weeks of planning and hard work are now being done by about 10 people. Ten people responsible for every photo that comes out of the darkroom, every word of print, every page of your Albatross and Harpoon.

The situation is intolerable — just ask any of us. Working for the PAO is no party and there's a lot less glory in it than the Drill Team, or D & B, or Pistol or Rifle Team, or even unit cleanup. BUT, it is a job that must be done, and it can be very rewarding. So, get off your butts and get on the stick. Without your active participation, the PAO will cease to function.

MIDN 4/C A.D. MAZZOLA
THE COMMISSIONING OFFICER

Commodore Zirbel is a native of Lewiston, Idaho. He received his commission in June 1966 after graduation as a midshipman at the University of Washington in Seattle. Following completion of flight training he served with VR-21 and VF-33 based as NAS Oceana, Virginia. He attended the Naval Postgraduate School and then returned to flying as an attack pilot with VA-12; during that tour, he was twice awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for missions he led against targets in North Vietnam.

In 1967, he was selected for the USAF Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base where he participated in space flight simulations in the F-104. He subsequently remained in the Mojave Desert for a tour as A-7E project officer for VX-5. He served as Executive Officer of VA-144 and Commanding Officer of VA-95, flying the A-6 aircraft. Following his squadron command Commodore Zirbel served as navigator and operations officer of USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65). He was Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations of Carrier Group ONE and then Commanding Officer of USS OKINAWA (LPH-3). Under his command, the USS OKINAWA made the first amphibious deployment to the Indian Ocean.

Another significant first during commodore Zirbel’s career was as Commander Amphibious Squadron EIGHT where he deployed to the Mediterranean in April 1981 on USS NASSAU to test the capabilities of the LHA/JAV-8A Harrier operating as a VSTOL aircraft carrier. Soon thereafter he again deployed to the Mediterranean as Commander Task Force Sixty-One and cruised in the Indian Ocean with an amphibious ready group.

Commodore Zirbel is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, and the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island. His current assignment is Commander Medium Attack Tactical Electronic Warfare Wing U.S. Pacific Fleet at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. His wife, Marcia, and two children, Matthew and Marnie Jo, reside at Oak Harbor, Washington.

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