The mission of the Oregon State University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, as stated in the Midshipman Regulations, is as follows:

"To develop midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically, and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty in order to commission college graduates as officers who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the Naval service, and have a potential for future development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government."
Dedication '79

Captain C. D. Ball III

After three years with the Oregon State University NROTC Unit and thirty years of naval service, our skipper is moving on. Captain C. D. Ball III, USN, retired on 31 July 1979. We will all miss his firm guidance and genuine concern for our well-being.

Captain Ball has supported us during a few agonies of defeat and encouraged our celebration of many thrills of victory over the years. He has enhanced the competitive spirit of our unit by his interest and presence.

With his voice ringing out about the rest, OSU Navy ROTC has maintained its claim “the Best in the West and the rest!” Not always first, but always a contender, our pride in the unit is demonstrated in all we do.

Of the many things the Captain has done for the battalion, one might underscore support. His support of our varied activities, undertakings, and competitions is what we have appreciated most from the C.O. He has instilled in us a desire to do our best.

Fair winds and smooth sailing, and thank you, sir.
As my tour of duty as the Commanding Officer of this NROTC Unit draws rapidly to a close, I am amazed at how quickly the last three years have sped by. Time must be the only dimension unaffected by the oil shortage and the "double nickel".

I have enjoyed my stay in Corvallis and felt great satisfaction from my work with the young men and women who either have, or soon will take their places in the defense structure of our country. At no time in history have the challenges to our free society been greater, the potential adversaries more formidable, and the complexities of our defense structure demanded higher expertise of those who would serve. It has indeed been a unique privilege and responsibility to oversee the training of future Naval and Marine Corps Officers.

As I reflect upon the past three years spent here at OSU, I also review my last thirty years of Naval Service and feel it is a fitting completion for my Naval career. I can think of no more meaningful way to end an enjoyable and rewarding endeavor than by developing the talents of those who will take my place in the service of our country.

I retire from our Navy, knowing that in your capable hands, the service I have devoted over half my life to is well tended.

I thank you for your support, your efforts, and mostly, for the citizenship you represent. Working with all of you have reaffirmed my faith in the basic fiber of our society and in the value of a service career. I challenge each of you to continue to give your best effort in the face of all obstacles, to be successful, and to leave more than you take as you pass through your careers and lives.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RALPH H. REILEY, JR.
COMMANDER, USN

Congratulations to the Class of 1979 and my best wishes for your continued success as you join the fleet. Your time here at Oregon State has been well spent in preparing yourselves both academically and professionally to cope with the demands of today's Navy and Marine Corps. As you confront the challenges of The Basic School, Surface Warfare Officers School, Nuclear Power School or Flight Training, be prepared to draw on this sound basic knowledge. I expect each of you to unstintingly apply yourself during your initial active duty training assignments. Rewarding and meaningful naval careers are begun, and future assignments influenced by your performance during this initial active duty experience. Give it your best shot!

You are always welcome here, so feel free to stop by and see us whenever you return to Corvallis. Good Luck!
UNIT
STAFF

Dennis Miller
LT, USN
Senior Class Instructor

Charles Smith
LT, USN
Sophomore Class Instructor

Stephen Thompson
LT, USN
Freshman Class Instructor

John Woodard
LT, USN
Freshman Class Instructor

Lcdr Terry Robertson begins class with yet another of his harrowing tales of adventure on the high seas.
Rick Dechi
MAJ, USMC
Marine Officer Instructor

Robert Pace
GYSGT, USMC
Marine Enlisted Instructor

LT John Woodard is a nice guy in real life - he only breathes fire after eating freshmen!

Terry Robertson
LCDR, USN
Junior Class Instructor

Jack Mathew
QMC, USN
Asst. Junior Class Instructor
The Captain goes for it in the senior-staff softball game.
Robert Fischer
YNC, USN
Midshipman Personnel

"Now look, guys. The goal line is THAT way!"

Louis Bacon
SKC, USN
Supply Chief

LT Miller just loves those 8:30 sections of NS 411!
THE CLASS OF 1979

Here we are, on the brink of a new life as ensigns or second lieutenants. What will we take with us from our four years at Oregon State University?

Will it be memories of scared freshmen rookies, drill, battalion functions ("not chili feeds, either!"") Naval Science finals at zero dark thiry Saturday of finals week, Marine Options Field Exercise, pre-functions for the Military Ball and Ring Dance, Northwest Navy competitions, or cruises to the Philippine Islands?

Or will it be friendships that last a lifetime, faces that never came back, parties, learning to hold your beer, or responsibilities accepted?

Whatever we have learned, whatever we take with us, this is our beginning.

We’ve only just begun.
Robert Adamski
Electrical Engineering
Nuclear Power

Stephen Banham
Civil Engineering
Leave of Absence

Robert Bohannon
History
The Basic School

Raymond Bellant
Business Administration
Aviation

Robert Bomber
History, Economics
Surface Warfare
Jeffry Duncan
Chemical Engineering
Leave of Absence

Russell George
Business
The Basic School

Vincent Gomes
Atmospheric Science
Nuclear Power

E. Randall Goodman
Business
Aviation

William Heliernn
Mechanical Engineering Tech.
Aviation
Roger Rouleau
Health and P.E.
Leave of Absence

James Ryan
Physics
Nuclear Power

Richard Schoenberg
Civil Engineering
Leave of Absence

Allan Smith
Business Administration
Aviation
Captain Charles W. Cole, USN, 1953 graduate of Oregon State NROTC and 1979 Commissioning Officer, is applauded by Captain Ball and President MacVicar at ceremonies in Mitchell Playhouse.

The unit officers enjoying a light moment on the quarterdeck.

Midshipmen for the last time, these men became commissioned officers following this oath.

Second Lieutenant Richard Dale is commissioned by Captain Ball, USN.

Ensign Dan Pierce's mother helps him with his first officer shoulderboards.
COMMISSIONING
JUNE 3, 1979

The Class of 1979, together once more.

True to officer tradition, a gala celebration followed commissioning at the Corvallis Country Club.
Carl Carpenter keeps a look out for the opposition.

Don't get in this lady's way!

Great fun on a sunny afternoon - cleaning rifles after Marine Ball!
THE CLASS OF 1980

Three years down and one to go!

The irrepressible Junior instructor - LCDR Robertson!

Clarke Lethin in a studious mood (in the Navy classroom?)
THE
CLASS OF 1981
Captain Ball presents three year scholarships to Cathy Carlozzi, Rick Du Bois, Jim Halferty and Daryl Hershberger, 4/C midshipmen.

Nancy Grossman exerts her strength in the Physical Fitness Test.

"You're in the Navy, now!"

"Give me five, Batchelder!"
THE
CLASS OF 1982

Midn 1/C McFetridge closely inspects an unsuspecting rookie.
CANDIDLY
SPEAKING ...