Ring Dance

The 1985 Ring Dance took place at the Elks Lodge on 1 May. It is an annual tradition upheld by the battalion in honor of the graduating seniors who will receive their commissions in June. The highlight of the evening was the ring ceremony for the seniors. This ceremony is steeped in much tradition. The purpose of this ceremony is to present each graduating senior with his class ring. Afterwards the new battalion staff for next year was announced with MIDN 2/C STEVE DORMAN being named to the position of Battalion CO. An evening of dancing and merriment continued until midnight.

The sword arch during the ring ceremony

Happy merry makers in their prime

Good times had by all

Photoman caught in the act

Can you guess the combat specialty of these graduating seniors?
Cols. Inspection

The Spring CO's Inspection marked the second time this year that the Colonel and the rest of the staff have had the opportunity to check up on the Battalion's military and uniform standards. This inspection was a very rigorous one indeed, as the results were to decide the outcome of a very close race for Color Company. There was no "quarter" given as the inspectors gigged the middies for such things as improper gig lines, dirty shoes, and thumb prints on covers. On the whole all hands managed to live through the experience.

Another middie under the Colonel's eye.

GISGT COAN at work.

LT. HARDWIG scrutinizes MIDN TRAFFAS.

Looking for gigs wherever they may be.

And yet another middie falls under a staff member's gaze.

You see sir, this isn't my cover.
Tri-Service Review

On the 10th of May the Annual Tri-Service Review was held at Parker Stadium. This year's review was sponsored and organized by the AFROTC of OSU. Pres. John Byrne was the Guest of Honor for this year's review. Also in attendance was Brig. Gen. Osborne, CO of the U.S. Army Reserves 49th Brigade. In addition to the parade function of the review, several cadets and midshipmen were honored for their contributions to the various OTC's. Following the review that evening the three services gathered at the ELK's Club for the Annual Governor's Ball. Although the parade was hampered by rain, both functions went off without a hitch.

The Drum and Bugle Corps at their best.

2nd Company NROTC standing ready.

HQ Company NROTC passes in review.

Midshipmen receiving their awards.

MIDN JAMIESON being congratulated on his award.

The Tri-Service Color Guard.
SPRING AWARDS

Tuesday, 14 May 1985 the OSU NROTC battalion formed to observe the awards ceremony and honor the distinguished midshipmen and officer candidates for the academic year 1984-85. Many parents and distinguished guests attended the ceremony. The ceremony was held on Dixon field in the best weather for the occasion. The numerous awardees are shown in ranks in the picture below.

The audience at the awards assembly.

The awardees stand fast, as the battalion looks on.

The awardees prepare for presentation.

Midshipmen mingling after the ceremony.

MIDN 2/C GARTZ receives his award.
MOFEX

The culmination of the marine option bulldog prep classes is the marine option field exercise (MOFEX). MOFEX is the training exercise that closely resembles the field exercises at OCS. It's a weekend of stress and evaluation for junior marine options designed to prepare them for the rigors of their summer training.

The weekend started at midnight on Friday, 10 May. The candidates humped a 7.2 mile night march into their camp. After putting up tents, the candidates spent the night in peaceful repose.

Saturday was spent conducting squad problems which include land navigation and squad assaults. In addition, each candidate led a fire team through a reaction problem. The reaction problem is a time pressured decision oriented test, which the candidates must demonstrate the ability to solve. Saturday night saw impromptu speeches and night compass work.

Sunday the candidates ended early with an 8.1 mile "death march" to civilization. The first candidate done finished in just under 2 hours.

MIDN JAMIESON briefs candidates on a reaction problem.

The lack of sleep takes its toll on this candidate.

Up, up, and away.

A fire team at work during the reaction problems.
Change Of Command

On the 21st of May, Midn. Captain Richard Jamieson was relieved of his command of the Battalion by Midn. Captain Steve Dorman. During the ceremony, on that fine sunny day, Midn. Captain Jamieson presented the “old men” of Third Company their well deserved Color Company pennant for the academic year. OC Nepomuceno accepted the coveted streamer for the company. After the exchange of the unit colors, Midn. Captain Jamieson gave his farewell address. He reflected on the accomplishments of the Battalion and reminded us all that we all have something to be proud of- we are all members of the “best in the west - and all of the rest.” Midn. Captain Dorman was up next. He pledged to the Battalion his enthusiasm and desire to handle the job of Battalion C.O. with a sense of adventure. He asked only that we do our best and approach each task with that same enthusiastic drive.
Spring Activities

The spring of 1985 was much warmer and drier than most. The members of the Battalion enjoyed the great weather and the many varied activities in the sun. The Freshmen and the Junior classes journeyed to Portland for the ship simulator field trip. We sent our prospective aviators to Pensacola on the AIFT. Enroute home they spent an exciting three day weekend at the NAS Memphis terminal (at no extra charge!). The Battalion athletics at the beginning of the spring term proved to be a challenge for all. Mom's weekend was a success, as was the Senior seminar just prior to commissioning.
Graduation

Graduation marks the end of one career and the beginning of another for our departing midshipmen.

On June 8, 1985 twenty-two new Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants were awarded their commissions at LaSell Stewart Center, on the OSU Campus. The Commissioning Officer this year was MAJ GEN R.E. HAEBEL, the Commanding General of MCB Camp Pendleton, CA. Also present at the day's ceremony was OSU President JOHN BYRNE, and COL STEIN.

Prior to the awarding of the commissions the new Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants were praised for their achievements, and given a few words of advice from the commissioning officer. Following the speeches the awardees came forward, signed the commissioning book, picked up their commissions, and began their new careers. Fair winds and following seas to the Class of 1985.

ENS HOLDENER signs, "The Book".

MAJ GEN HAEBEL gives the Oath of Commission.

The Class of 1985.

MAJ GEN HAEBEL passes the word.  ENS WASHABAUGH receives his commission.

COL STEIN showing his pride in a new Ensign.
Color Guard

Throughout the year the Color Guard has put in numerous hours of practice and it has paid off for them. Starting most days with 0600 practices, the Color Guard struggled to get ready for their first exhibition. Finally the Albany Veteran’s Day Parade came and the Color Guard was pleased with their first place finish. Also, the Color Guard presented the colors at several of the Beaver basketball games throughout fall and winter terms. During winter term, the Color Guard participated in the Salem Military “Tatoo” and President Byrne’s Inauguration Ceremony. Spring term brought the University of Washington competition. The Color Guard entered two teams in the eight team competition and won second and fourth place. This year’s CO was Midn. LT(jg) S. B. Dorman.

The Color Guard doing what they do best.

The Color Guard finishing the exhibition phase.

The team preparing for the big day.

On their way to University of Washington.

Looking sharp.
Drill Team

The Sword Arch at the Navy-Marine Corps Birthday Ball marked the debut of this year’s Navy Drill Team. This opening was soon followed by the DT’s performance in the multi-military Salem, “Tattoo,” where the team showed their first Competition Phase. These two events were just a prelude though for the annual Northwest Navy Competition at Moscow, Idaho. At Northwest Navy the team upheld its tradition by taking the team trophy for a record eighth time for drill. Northwest Navy didn’t mark the end of the drilling season for the team. With the confidence of their victory under their belts the team went on to perform at Mom’s Weekend, as well as at the Elks Club. This year’s CO was MIDN 2/C TIM HARRYMAN.
Drum And Bugle Corps

The musical compliment to the Unit's marching teams is the Drum and Bugle Corps. The D & B does play music, but they don't stop there. The D & B combines their great sounds with intricate precision marching, that is always a crowd pleaser. The D & B is made up of a group of motivated midshipmen, who strive for excellence in themselves and in their teammates. Although the four returning sophomores were left with no CO or XO at the beginning of the year, MIDN 3/C K.L. VAN GORDER took the team and made them what they are.

The team's first activity was the Veteran's Day Parade, in which the D & B didn't win its category, but kept its hopes high. These hopes were realized, when the team swept its category at Northwest Navy. Following NWN the team began a new tradition, by competing in the San Antonio, Texas Fiesta. The team's year was capped by performances at Mom's Weekend and the Tri-Service Review.

Standing yet another inspection.

The D & B at Mock Comp.

MIDN 2/C DOLSIN at work.
Pistol/Rifle Teams

The Navy Pistol Team this year once again bathed itself in glory. Beginning with their sweep of Northwest Navy, the team began an odyssey of victories which included 1st in the National Navy Pistol League, 2nd in the Secretary of the Navy Match, and 3rd in the Free Pistol Inter-Collegiate Sectionals. Additional victories in the Secretary of the Navy Match went individually to: MIDN 1/C JAMIESON, 1st; MIDN 2/C PHILLIPS, 2nd; MIDN 2/C CLARK, 4th; and MIDN 4/C PRYOR, 5th.

Northwest Navy for the Rifle Team was an experience to say the least. The team was rocked to sleep on the trip in by LT PILOSOF’s unique driving skills. Once in Moscow though conditions improved, the team was packed into one room, with only two beds. Even with these adverse conditions the team managed to take second overall at NWN, as well as MIDN 1/C BALAN taking the individual trophy for the prone position.

What is this on my fork?

MIDN BALAN after his victory.

Just another trophy going home.

The team contemplating the future.
Men’s PFT Team

The Men’s PFT Team distinguished themselves once again this year and impressed everyone with their determination and devotion to their team. During Fall term they gave up their early morning hours three days a week to work out and practice. When the weather became colder they simply moved their workouts to the afternoon and continued undaunted. This extensive training has kept every member in excellent condition and has enabled them to make a good showing at various events, including Northwest Navy.

Basketball Team

Under the guidance of LT L.M. PILOSOF the Basketball Team has had an exciting and successful year, bringing home several victories and trophies. Here on campus they competed in the OSU Intramural Independent “A” League and handily won in their division. At Northwest Navy they again did a fantastic job, beating the University of Washington in the final seconds of Round I and defeating University of Idaho in the Championship game. The Team returned from Idaho the proud possessors of the Northwest Navy Basketball Trophy a lasting memorial to the team’s strength and unity.

Swim Team

Long hours of practice and maximum output from each member of the OSU NROTC Swim Team resulted in an admirable showing at the Northwest Navy Competitions this year. In the individual events each member had an opportunity to demonstrate his or her ability and some excellent performances were turned in. In the relay events the team’s performance was outstanding as each member gave his or her all to prove the team’s worth. With the motivation and spirit that this team possesses we can look forward to an exciting competition at Northwest Navy 1986.

Women’s PFT Team

An intense desire to succeed and excel drove the Women’s PFT Team this year. They willingly gave up their spare time to work out and prepare for the competitions to come. Along with their male counterparts they made a respectable showing at the Northwest Navy Competition, helping the PFT Team to capture third place position. With their enthusiasm and drive they should have no difficulty in the next year in surpassing their rivals. They will be a formidable opponent for any team.
Unit Clubs

One of the most important things about being a midshipman at OSU is participating in unit events and becoming an active member of the unit community. One way to do this is to join one of the many and varied clubs that exist within the unit. These clubs are excellent ways to get to know others with interests and talents similar to your own. They can make you more aware of the opportunities available in the local area and later in the Navy. Here at OSU there is a club for everyone. For those with an interest in computers there is the Computer Club advised by LT SHAFER. Also advised by LT SHAFER is the Nuclear Power Club for those who want to learn about the nuclear fleet, and S.A.M.E., the Society of American Military Engineers, for those budding ROTC engineers. For those with an interest in the traditions of the Navy there is Mare Nostrum, and for those Marine Options there is the Semper Fi Club. For those who love to write, being a part of the Albatross or Harpoon crews will keep you busy. And for those hopeful photojournalists, the Photo Crew is always looking for a few good cameramen.

The Nuclear Power Club can be a good prep for the Nuclear Navy.

The Mare Nostrum involved in a traditional event: a Beach Trip.

For those who like the life of a Marine, the Semper Fi Club is for them.

The Computer Club proves that programming doesn't have to be lonely.
The
Midshipman
Battalion

Graduates

Gavin Balan
Naval Aviation

Steve Bristow
Naval Aviation

Diane Burgess
Unrestricted Line

Jeffrey Coulter
Basic School

Leslie Ferguson
Surface Warfare

Elton Glazier
Surface Warfare
Seniors

John Wollenbecker
Naval Aviation

Thomas Bellit
Naval Aviation

John Bottenberg
Nuclear Power

Martin Charters
Surface Warfare
Juniors

James Preston  
Surface Warfare

Roderick Rosario  
OCS

Mike Thein  
Nuclear Power

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Basic School

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Ronald Arnold  
Herman Awai  
Andrew Bilton-Smith
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Vincente Angoco
Sam Asbury

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Senior Messages

Martin Charters:
To My Son Marty:
You have worked hard to achieve your goals, and I'm proud of you. Wishing you all the happiness and success in the future.

   Love, Mom

Jeffrey Coulter:
Jeff:
So ends another step on the road of life. You worked hard, you did well, you deserve a lot of credit. Now, on to the next.

   Mom

Elton Glazier:
Congratulations Ensign Glazier:
We are so very proud of your achievements. We all knew you could do it. Keep looking “UP”, the “Best is yet to come” in your life.

   Your Loving Family

Cory Hoggatt:
We’re extremely proud of your past accomplishments; the way you’ve kept up your GPA, and juggled ROTC duties in addition to working. We wish you happiness, health and success.

   Mom & Dad

Carol Howe:
Congratulations! We are proud of your accomplishments in your Naval career. We are all behind you as you step out of the ranks and accept your commission as an Ensign. Good luck as a Mustang Officer.

   Love, Mom, Dad, Barb, Jim, and Sue

Charles Kliwer:
Congratulations son. We are so proud of you. May your ship always find its port. Stay with your dreams, and always give it your best.

   Mom & Dad

Kenneth O’Donnell:
Ken O’Donnell, Selected Outstanding First Class Midshipman of ’84-5 by the Navy, Selected Super Son of ’84-5 by Mom and Dad. Well done! And this is just the beginning.

Jeffrey Munson:
Congratulations Son. We are so proud of you. Good luck in your career. May God always be with you.

   Love Always,
   Master Chief Munson, Mrs. Munson, and Nichelle

James Preston:
Congratulations son for your achievements. You’ve made me very happy. The Navy has a great future for you. May God bless and give you the wisdom for the future.

   CDR John Preston USN (RET)

Noel Russnogle:
May you always have clear skies, calm seas, and early Liberty. Congratulations—well done.

   Mom & Dad

Jeffrey Ward
Jeffrey Ward: Congratulations. We knew you could.

   Luv Ya, Proudly Mom & Dad

Jason Washabaugh:
I Love You Jay- We Made It!!

   XXOO Mom

John Wollenbecker:
You Did It!
Congratulations, Mom, Dad, and Mary