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STARFLEET'S FIRST OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COMMANDER TERRY G. ROBERTSON

I began my naval career almost 24 years ago when I entered the NROTC Unit at Oregon State University, as a "rookie" on a 4-year scholarship. There were fewer activities then and I admit that I did not participate very actively in the battalion. In my junior year I finally realized that I needed to give in order to receive and in my senior year, I was given a company commander billet. I was fortunate enough to have terrific people in my company and as a result, we won the color company competition.

My first tour of duty was aboard an LPH, the USS PRINCETON. I worked hard, had good people in my division, and enjoyed ship handling. After picking up Apollo 10 as the Officer of the Deck, I was transferred to a destroyer, the USS HARLAN DICKSON, as the Weapons Officer. Then, as now, the cruiser/destroyer force was (is) the elite. This was followed by postgraduate school, Department Head School, and a tour as a Weapons Officer on a fast frigate, the USS BRADLEY. After three ships, two yard overhauls, and four deployments, I attended a junior service college and then reported to the "Best in the West" as the junior class instructor. After three great years at OSU, I spent two years as X.O. on an Oliver, the USS WICHITA. In both of those jobs I was able to work with people, exceptional people. At the Unit, I watched young officers. Many of them have returned to visit me during the past four years. What a joy it is to see how successful they have been, as officers still in the service or civilians in the community.

On the WICHITA, I watched 18-21 year old sailors performing tasks and accepting responsibilities far above that of their peers. On liberty they were a nightmare but underway they carried out their missions above and beyond what was required or expected. There are many philosophies about leadership and as many leadership styles, but I believe the key is to be able to get your people to work for you, work with you, and respect you. The trust and confidence you develop with your people will give you the most rewarding feeling you can have and will enable you to compete any task.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my naval career. Not every day was filled with sunshine but the good memories far exceed any bad ones. I would do it all again in a minute. Good luck to you all! Fair winds and following seas!!

MARINE OFFICER INSTRUCTOR
MAJOR DOYLE W. HENSLY

what I would say and have decided that the easiest way for me to respond is by taking each question in an order that will hopefully make some sense to the reader.

First, allow me to address the question of "what will I miss most about the unit?". I can sum it all up by saying "all of you". My greatest pleasure has been in my dealings with you, the students. As many of you know, not all of our dealings have been fun, for you or me, but in the over view I believe our interactions have been the most important aspect of my being here. I have enjoyed watching you at drill or at play, teaching you or at least trying to, and participating with you. Day in and day out, watching you grow and change both physically and mentally, being a part of your final growth processes and believing that you all will be successful in your lives has been tremendously rewarding. Yes, I will miss all of you the most because of the challenges you have presented to me, the fun we have had and the true concern I have developed for you. But I know that many of us will meet again somewhere in the fleet and I look forward to seeing how successful each of you has become.

Tied to what I stated above is the second question to be posed to me, "What do I believe I have accomplished?". Only you can say if what I hope I have accomplished has really happened, but let me tell you what I hope I have done. From the beginning of my tour until the last day I spend here, I have and will try to instill in each of you a heightened sense of yourself. To this end I have tried to increase your self pride, professionalism, dedication, and desire to be successful in all that you attempt. I also hope that you have learned to be happy with yourself and to set attainable, meaningful goals. I truly believe that you all have a great deal of untapped potential and it has been my greatest desire and hope that I may have helped some of you to actualize that potential.

The next item I was asked to address was the idea of "words of wisdom". I'm not really sure that I have many words of wisdom but I do have a couple of thoughts which I believe can serve each of you well in your life. First, be happy with yourself for if you not, you can never truly make anyone else happy and no one can live truly alone. Next, be the best you can possibly be at all that you do, never let good be good enough. Never back off from trying or be afraid to make a mistake, but make decisions and take chances but learn from the errors you make, after all, you are only human.

Lastly, I was asked what the future holds in store for me. I am heading to Washington DC, next, for a three year tour at Headquarters Marine Corps. During the past month, I have given careful thought to

[Image: Terry G. Robertson, Major Doyle W. Hensley]
This is Lt. Socha's first year here at the Command. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, with a degree in administrative recreation. He was commissioned through Aviation Officer's Candidate School (AOCS) and attended flight training in Pensacola, Florida. Lt. Socha received his naval flight officer designation at Mather AFB and then went to Jacksonville, Fla. to join Patrol Squadron Fifty-Six (VP-56). In his career, Lt. Socha made three deployments to Rota, Spain, Keflavik, Iceland, and Sigonella, Sicily. In his spare time, Lt. Socha hits the weights at the Dixon Recreation Center and has been known to "cut many rugs" at the local hot spots.

Lt. Farkas graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1981 with a B.S. in Marine Biology, and a commission as Ensign in the U.S. Navy gained through the NROTC program there. He then reported to Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida, where he spent six fun filled months learning all aspects of the Navy nuclear propulsion program. He then attended nuclear prototype training, in the winter, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. After Submarine Officer Basic School in New London, Conn., he reported to his first boat, the USS SIMON BOLIVAR (SSBN-641) (GOLD), home ported in Charleston, S. Carolina. He spent 25 months on board the BOLIVAR, where he held the jobs of Communicator and Electrical Division Officer. He also qualified SUBMARINES during this tour. When the BOLIVAR went into the yards, he transferred to the USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN-658) (GOLD), where he served for 18 months as the Damage Control Assistant, Communicator, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Assistant Engineer. After qualifying Engineer Officer, he traveled all the way out to Corvallis to teach midshipmen how to navigate submarines. After this tour, Lt. Farkas will return to submarines as the Engineer Officer. Lt. Farkas has taken an active interest in the midshipmen of the unit, by attending various activities outside of the unit. He is also active in sports, challenging all comers in basketball. In his classroom, Lt. Farkas emphasizes the importance of hardwork. He realizes the high level of competitiveness in the world and expects all midshipmen to be prepared for it.
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SOPHOMORE

LT. MARC V. MCGOWAN
SOPHOMORE CLASS INSTRUCTOR

"There is no substitute for taking responsibility, beginning with yourself," says Lt. McGowan. Certainly he has lived up to this in his career. After graduating from Cal State, he attended AOCS followed by Flight School at NAS Pensacola, Florida. Upon completion of training he was designated a Naval Flight Officer and assigned to the A-6E INTRUDER. He was a member of Attack Squadron 196 aboard the USS CORAL SEA (CV-64). Lt. McGowan enjoys living in Corvallis with his wife, Therese, and his three, almost four, children. He enjoys athletics, for example, every year he runs in the Civil War Relay and is coach for the Unit’s basketball team. Lt. McGowan also began a class this year which aids midshipmen in developing "good" study habits, the class has been a success, for there has been a noted improvement in midshipmen’s grades for those who attended his class.

FRESHMEN

LT. MARK H. LINDSAY
FRESHMEN CLASS INSTRUCTOR

Lt. Lindsay graduated from Auburn University and was commissioned through its NROTC program. Lt. Lindsay served aboard the USS HARRY W. HILL, (DD-966), as the ship’s Fire Control Officer and Command Duty Officer. This is Lt. Lindsay’s last year here and he says he will miss being able to go home early to his lovely wife, Wendy, and their daughter, Wendy, (not to forget, the new addition to the Lindsay family which is coming soon). He enjoys watching the growth of the "rookies" into outstanding midshipmen. He advises: "Stay in the Navy as long as you are having fun and it’s compatible with your lifestyle." Lt. Lindsay has kept an active battalion life during his tour here, he has been the Mare Nostrum Club Advisor and the Public Affairs Advisor. Good luck, Sir!! SURFACE LINE IS MIGHTY FINE!!!
ENLISTED STAFF AND SECRETARIES

SSGT. L.K. HAYS, USMC
ASST. MARINE OFFICER INSTRUCTOR

SSGT. Hays enlisted in the Marine Corps in May of 1973. Following completion of recruit training at San Diego, he attended Infantry Training School. He was then transferred back to San Diego for Sea School which led to a two year tour of Security Duty aboard the USS PROTEUS. In June of 1978 he was discharged only to reenlist in February of 1979. Since then he has held positions ranging from Drill Instructor to Platoon Commander with 1st Battalion 3rd Marines, in Hawaii. SSGT. Hayes joined the NROTC Unit here at Oregon State this past summer as Assistant Marine Officer Instructor. As we welcome, SSGT. Hayes to the Unit, we welcomed a new addition to his family this past spring. CONGRATULATIONS!!

PHYLLIS CONARY
STARFLEET SUPREME SECRETARY

Phyllis joined Starfleet Command at the beginning of this training period year, after working for the Star Wing Command (Air Force) for several years. The Conary's have a 3-year-old son, Joel, who wants to fly a "jet plane", and a 3-month-old daughter, Karri. When he grows up, Phyllis and her family enjoy many outdoor activities, including camping and downhill skiing. Phyllis feels that the best part of her job is the friendliness of both the Command and the USS OREGON STATE crew.

OMCS J.E. ROSE, USN
ASSISTANT JUNIOR INSTRUCTOR

Chief Rose is enjoying his first Starfleet tour of his Starship career. He has most recently been aboard the USS MERRILL (DD-976), stationed in San Diego. At his present assignment, Chief Rose has the task of teaching all hands in the Navigation Department the rudimentary and more complex skills of their field. Although he is relatively new to teaching, Chief Rose has adapted his galley faring stories and skills to aid LT. Farkas in providing the necessary training for his "greenie pig" students. Chief Rose leads a very active off-duty life, he coaches, as well as participates in many sports, to include: football, basketball, and softball. Jane, his wife of fourteen years, and his four children, John, Jennifer, Kenneth, and Kirsten, all seem to enjoy their new "galley faring" life here at Starfleet Command. Welcome Aboard!!

SKC L.D. TAYLOR, USN
SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

This is Chief Taylor's first year at Oregon State. He was originally from Coos Bay, Oregon which is the main reason he decided to make a tour here at Oregon State. Chief Taylor's last duty station was aboard the USS PELELIU (LHA-5). He has been in the Navy for over sixteen years, and his tours include a tour of duty at the Naval Support Activity in Saigon during the Vietnam Conflict. Chief Taylor enjoys the hobbies of woodworking and gardening, as well as those special times with his lovely wife, Houng-Bing, and their daughter, Linda. Chief Taylor's task to organize the supply system has not been an easy one. He has spent countless hours of his time into making the Command's supply system run more efficiently, as well as ensuring the crew is looking their best in their Navy issue.

JOANNE DAY
STARFLEET SECRETARY

Joanne has been at Starfleet Command for 2½ years. During those years, Joanne has really enjoyed working for the Command. The USS OREGON STATE's crew have made Joanne an honorary member because she devotes a lot of her time to the ship's administrative duties. When she doesn't work, her interests include music, dancing, aerobics (primitive form of fun, physical body torture), shopping, cooking, being involved in a sorority and a couple of singles groups, and of course, dating her favorite boyfriend, Brandon, her 2½ year old grandson.

YNC J.J. NEWBOLD, USN
COMMAND YEOMAN

Chief Newbold is new to the Command this year. He is in his 20th year of Naval service, which included duties in Korea, Japan, Maine, and California. He has been tours aboard the USS WASHINGTON (FGA-39) and the USS MAHON (G. TISDALE (FFG-27). Chief Newbold has done a phenomenal job of organizing the battleship's seemingly endless paperwork into a highly efficient administrative system, with a lot of hardwork, dedication, and perseverance. Chief Newbold has overcome the mound of paperwork and transformed it into a well-organized piece of starship machinery.
THE TRAINING VOYAGE
OF THE
USS OREGON STATE

"Self confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings."

-Samuel Johnson
CAPTAIN'S LOG: ROOKIE ORIENTATION

As the returning crew of the USS OREGON STATE approaches another year of training, testing, and development, the newest additions to the crew faced the first of many challenges to be hurdled towards them in their starship careers.

This first challenge, Rookie-O, introduced many of the new midshipmen crew to the sometimes prodigious world of military service. The transition, for some "rookies," proved difficult. For example, rising at the break of the sun, strenuous exercise, drill, and trying to understand starship terminology. The latter, proved the greatest challenge. The words that came so natural to the "old salts" of my ship confused the poor rookies. Words such as "head" (What? Who’s?), "dill" (Chinese fire type?), "scuttlebutt" (no, we were not kidding, it is a word) - etc.

Our mission is to boldly go where no Naval Officer has gone before: to seek out new and sometimes succinct Civilizations (the drill team house?); and to explore the universe freely. At the end of Rookie-O, our new crew members were sworn in and were welcomed to our elite team. This year, I know that these new crew members will face all challenges with the same determination and spirit they showed during their training.
CAPTAIN'S LOG - FLEET ACTIVITIES

It seems that every year my crew finds hundreds of activities to participate in while maintaining that high level of academics required by Starfleet Command.

This year, the unit's female football team, the Unicorns, made it to the Intramural Playoffs. The team was coached by Chief Rose and freshmen Dillon Sanders. Great Job, Unicorns! For being only a two year old team you are proving to be a force to be reckoned with.

The annual fall PFT and picnic proved to be very tiring physically, as well as extremely fun. Battalion athletics pitted companies against each other in a variety of games and relays.

The Headquarters teams of our starship, the Drum and Bugle Corps, the Drill Team, and the Color Guard, performed with pride in the Veteran's Day Parade, in both Albany and Lebanon. Our three teams earned the honors of receiving first place trophies. Congratulations, teams for the well deserved recognition!

Our other activities this fall included: basketball, volleyball, the annual Drill Team Willamette River Swim, car washes, concessions, awards ceremonies, navigation projects, donut sales, promotions, and also the honor of meeting the Oregon State Governor, Neil Goldschmidt.

MIDN Julie Wilczynski runs for a touchdown as her teammates prepare to run interference for her.

Col. Leidich and Major Hensley congratulate SSgt. Ken Wolf on his promotion.

For safety, every rifle team member checks his weapon.

MIDN Vince Guidachay shows off his "ham" ability.
The jet setting pistol team stops long enough to pose for a team photo. ABOVE: Looking over Thuan Pham’s shoulder as he prepares to hit number one.

Governor Neil Goldschmidt is welcomed by Col. Leidich

MIDN Dave McMorries shows off his newborn to an admiring crowd.

D&B Commander Carl Hoy holds his team trophy with pride
CAPTAIN'S LOG: BIRTHDAY BALL

The lights dimmed and the music commenced as the new and old USS OREGON STATE crew celebrated the completion of their starship training, at the Birthday Ball (a celebration to honor the Naval Service). At this same time every year, Starfleet Command hosts this gala occasion in which, after weeks of intensive training, these fine midshipmen, former "rookies", Officer Candidates, and ME-CEP's, have a chance to socialize with their seniors. The evening's festivities were opened with illustrious presentations of the proud history and moving traditions of our fighting forces. Thanks to all hands, including our very own midshipmen singing trio, who made certain that no one was "lost that loving feeling". Everyone enjoyed this special occasion. At the end of the festivities, I sensed that the entire crew knew that this year, life aboard the USS OREGON STATE would be anything but dull.

Colonel Leidich and Commander Robertson commence the ceremonies by walking through the traditional sword arch.

The midshipmen singing trio (Farace, Becker, and Burk) entertain the rest of the crew.

Major Hensley enjoys himself tremendously at these festive occasions.
Dashing and debonair, MIDN Galeai charms his date with drink and song.

OC Jeff Runner knows how to have a good time at the Ball.

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2ND LIEUTENANT CRAWFORD

2ND LIEUTENANT DOLSON

ENSIGN OSTRANDER

ENSIGN ROWE

The color guard of today and yesterday proudly carries the colors.
FUN AND ADVENTURE
FOR THE
USS OREGON STATE
CREW

Learn to obey before you command.—Solon
Respect yourself and others will re-
spect you.—Confucius
You may pardon much to others, noth-
ing to yourself.—Ausonius
A.K.A. SENIOR MESS NIGHT

Supplement by Technicians Officer, T.J. Charlesworth

Upon returning from the far reaches of the Destro system on my winter training cruise, this midshipman was given one last chance for shore leave at a nearby starbase. Departing the shuttle bay as quickly as I could, I was attracted to one particular establishment where a lot of merrymaking was in progress. Upon entering, I found quite a few midshipmen from other ships in the fleet crowding around the bar. They were all busy buying drinks for one particular alien senior lieutenant named "Mongo".

After consuming a few drinks and telling a few sea stories in the process, we all sat down to a fine feast that had been pronounced fit for human consumption. Throughout dinner and the subsequent round of toasts that followed, we all took part in the ancient custom of roasting and toasting. Many of those attending were doomed by the merciless Mr. Vice, OC Bill McVieker, to put several chunks of silver metal into the huge brass coffer. As the evening progressed, the atmosphere became more intense and the room started to take the appearance of a huge gray cloud which had been produced by low quality cigars.

Towards the end of the evening a great warrior, Captain Malcolm Wright, the former Commander of another peace-keeping starship, the USS ALABAMA (SSBN-731), stood before the audience and entertained us with tales of his experiences in the naval service. After another round at the bar, each of us made our own way back to our ships. What I will remember most about this particular night will be the opportunity that was given to me to join this line group and experience a long standing naval tradition in an atmosphere of comradery.
CAPTAIN'S LOG: NORTHWEST NAVY

During a brief visit back home to change dilithium crystals, we were informed by Starfleet Command that the USS OREGON STATE would represent Earth in the Federation's Intergalactic Olympics, called Northwest Navy, held in the ancient Earth city of Corvallis. Unlike other competitions, we were told that the very survival of Earth depended on us emerging victorious. Our competitors were three advanced planets in the remote Trans-Northwest University system; Utah, Idaho, and Washington. These civilizations have challenged our right to share the universe with them (they wanted to see whether or not we were worthy). So, Northwest Navy was created. Competitions were chosen to test our discipline, intelligence, teamwork, stamina, and courage. BRIGADIER GENERAL Joy, from Headquarters Marine Corps, reigned over the competition as Starfleet Command's guest of honor.

On the shoulders of the USS OREGON STATE falls the heavy burden of preserving the human race. The odds were enormous against succeeding, (3.18x1013:1), according to Mr. Spock's calculations. As the world held its breath and ancient prayers were whispered throughout the earth, the competition began ...
Pride, patriotism, and professionalism are the key words that precisely describe the USS OREGON STATE Color Guard. These same traits are what carried the Color Guard to victory during Northwest Navy. The talented midshipmen who formed this incredible team dedicated themselves to making the difficult moves seem effortless. The reward for this type of dedication is heard in the cheering of the crowds during the competitions, parades, and performances. The Color Guard led this year by MIDN JOE BETSCHART, has the duty of opening every ceremony that the Starship is involved in, as well as having the honor of performing at important intergalactic functions, such as the Governor’s swearing in. CONGRATULATIONS, COLOR GUARD FOR THE EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES THIS YEAR. THE USS OREGON STATE CREW WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR’S COLOR GUARD EXHIBITIONS!!!!!
CAPTAIN'S LOG: DRILL TEAM BRIEF

The drill team is one of the most elite representatives of the USS OREGON STATE. Being classified as elite takes a lot of hardwork and effort, something that the drill team accepts as a fact of life. By practicing countless hours, the drill team has been able to achieve and maintain a high degree of esprit de corps and professionalism. Being motivated and dedicated are trademark qualities of each drill team member, which has made them the best drill team in the star system.

The superiority of the team is evidenced by their performances up to date. At a competition in Albany's Veteran's Day parade, the team took first place. Their greatest victory, however, was during Northwest Navy where in two days of competition the drill team clearly dominated their opponents. They earned the highest honors in the individual and platoon exhibitions, platoon inspection and regulation, the Drill Team Commander's Trophy, and the NWN Drill Team Trophy. Although it may seem that the drill team's hardest challenge is behind them, these dedicated performers still continue to practice for future events (i.e., competing on the small sub-planet, San Antonio, Texas, and locally on earth). As we move into the future, beyond new horizons, the drill team will continue to display to the universe the pride, excellence, and professionalism that their laudatory precedence has set.

CAPTAIN'S LOG: BASKETBALL BRIEF

With all of the special teams involved in the Intergalactic Olympics, the basketball team often gets overlooked. It is quite clear, however, that their performance is not the reason why. To prepare for Northwest Navy, the team joined a city (local galaxy) league, and has earned a winning record. They systematically annihilated their opponents in their first league, which brought them up to another league of playing, where they won a tournament.

Practice, hard work, and the commitment to being the best are the main ingredients that have made this basketball team so successful (their degree of dedication is also reflected in their mandatory starfleet academics, each player maintains a 3.00 or higher GPA).

At Northwest Navy, this spirited and talented team dominated their competitors. They beat the Utah Utes in the first day of competition and went on to beat the Idaho Spuds on the second day. Their final obstacle was to play against their longstanding rivals the Washington Pups. Although Washington put up a good fight, they were no match for our fast moving, quick handed, and sure shot team. Needless to say, our basketball team walked away as champions. Ahh... it's nice to bask in one's glory.
NW NAVY DOMINATION

CAPTAIN'S LOG: PISTOL AND RIFLE TEAM BRIEF
SUPPLEMENT BY MR. SPOCK

Because the captain is being unavoidably detained by an annual physical with Dr. McCoy, I have assumed command of the USS OREGON STATE at what seems a potentially hazardous time. During the Northwest Navy treasure hunt race, a challenge was made by our other competitors to test our marksmanship. Knowing that the captain would never turn down a challenge, I accepted on her behalf. The weapons for the competition were to be the rifle and the pistol. The Rifle Team CMDR. MIDN DAVE MCMORRIS, and the Pistol Team CMDR. MIDN THUAN PHAM, selected their best sharpshooters to represent our ship in the competition.

The pistol team showed their skill when they competed for awards for high score, high score prone, high score standing, individual aggregate, and NWW Pistol Team Award. The rifle team tested their marksmanship for high scores in the kneeling, prone, and standing positions, as well as for the high aggregate score and the H.D. Powell Rifle Team Award. When the firing ceased and the smoke cleared, the OREGON STATE pistol and rifle teams proved to be the “dominating force” in the competitions. The pistol team swept their competitions, bringing aboard their well-earned individual awards and team trophies. This year, the rifle team deserves special commendation for winning the Powell Rifle Team trophy. For it fell into alien hands eons ago and now is in the hands of the rightful owners. The captain will be told of the pride and good sportsmanship that each team member had while competing for the OREGON STATE, and according to tradition, cigars will be passed out and celebrations (extended liberty) will be held for everyone.

Precision, patience, and a steady arm the trademark qualities of a rifle team member.

An ecstatic rifle team clowns around with their trophies and plaques after the awards ceremony.

Always going for the “gold.”

Proud to be a part of a winning team.

Standing in fine form, waiting for the perfect shot.
CAPTAIN’S LOG: SWIM TEAM BRIEF

The moon’s rays glistened on the water, on a night so silent, so peaceful. Suddenly, a big splash broke the stillness of the water and changed the quiet night to chaotic noise. Oh, I guess I better come back to reality— the Northwest Navy Swim Meet is going to start. The excitement of the crowd for our team can be heard— OOOHHH!!! SSSSSS!!! UUUUUUU!!! OREGON STATE FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! as our “polywog” team wins the first event. Swim team captains MIDN QUINTON HAMEL and SGT. JULIE MANN, led their team members through rigorous workouts to prepare for their events. These water speedsters held nothing back as they swam their way to the overall Swim Team Award. BRAVO ZULU, SWIM TEAM.

DETERMINATION

CAPTAIN’S LOG: PHYSICAL FITNESS TEAM BRIEF

SPECTRUM BY K.A. THOMAS, WEAPONS OFFICER

While wandering around the competition grounds, I suddenly came upon our physical fitness team arching out (so what is new?). To be honest, the first time I saw these PFT team members I was caught completely off guard. I had no idea what people could be so physique! I was startled immediately by the team captain, SSgt HINT WOLF, and as he approached me, I became apprehensive that I was intruding on something important. His friendly manner set me at ease. Drudging my apprehension, and as he began answering my numerous questions about his team, I developed a new respect for their commitment to PT. He told me that the team was composed of fifteen men and six women, all of whom would compete at the Northwest Navy “games”. During their training period, each member is committed to perfecting habits, interval workouts, strength training, and being motivated throughout their four day a week—one and a half hour practices. After months of practice, their physical skills would be put to the test during the NW competition. It began getting late and I still needed to inventory the phasers, so I thanked SSgt WOLF for his time and headed back towards the ship. As I walked back, I decided to start working out on my own—seeing their physical fitness dedication gave me incentive. LOG POSTDATE: THE PFT TEAM MADE A STRONG SHOWING DURING NORTHWEST NAVY. ALTHOUGH THEY MAY NOT HAVE GOTTEN FIRST PLACE, THEY ARE STILL NUMBER ONE TO THIS NEW PT AFICIOANDO.

Always ready for the challenge! Ready to win!
The Drum and Bugle Corps knows how to give their all at work and at play.

Taking advantage of a free throw, to take rest.
The USS OREGON STATE has done it! Upon accepting the Northwest Navy challenge, the crew trained with diligence and dedication, developing their skills and talents, perfecting their performances and making many personal sacrifices to ensure that the OREGON STATE and the earth's people would triumph. The unbreakable courage and drive of the harness outgrew their Federation opponents (we literally blew them away). Now the galaxy is in peace. The earth still spins on its axis, our sun still sets in the west, flowers still bloom in the spring, and heroes can still, on a warm summer night, stroll under a peaceful star-filled sky, showing that against any challenge, the crew of the USS OREGON STATE is a force in readiness.

The Drill Team maintains their “cool”, even after sweeping the drill team competition.
The Air Force thought they were so cool,
A challenge they were sure to meet.
The Navy/Marine Corps team is no one's fool,
hence, the Air Force was soundly beat!

A lot of fun was had throughout Northwest Navy
NEW CHALLENGES AND NEW WORLDS TO EXPLORE FOR THE OREGON STATE CREW

In athletics, just like life, you've got to accept the fact that things don't always go your way. The main thing is to work hard at improving yourself. That way when your opportunity does come and it will! -you'll be ready

-Roger Staubach
Captain's Log: Marine Option Field Trip.

The MOFT is a short training mission for those new crew members who aspire to be a part of the star system's security force, the Marines. For their training, these midshipmen rose before sunrise, donned their cammies, and participated in gunnery fire exercises, weapons familiarization, tank and helo introductions, and also enjoyed learning about the history and traditions of the Marine Corps. The sacrifices of our predecessors, who gave their lives and dedicated their hearts for the preservation of our freedom must never be forgotten... it is by this standard of loyalty and pride that all who serve the galaxies armed forces should live.
Captain's Log: MOFEX

After several weeks of preparation, the final test was to begin. At 0200 there were many indistinguishable figures moving through the black night heading for an unknown destination. As the hours passed by and the night turned from darkness to flight, the figures turned into candidates. This group was walking towards their base camp, which would serve as a rally point for the MOFEX problems. During MOFEX, the candidates would be evaluated mentally as well as physically. Over the two day period, each candidate would complete a squad problem and a reactionary problem. In between the problems, every person would hump up and down a two mile hill, at least eight times during the day. The final test, however, came at the end when the candidates went on a nine mile individual, forced march back to the bus. Upon reaching the bus, the two days of rigorous field training came to end. This grueling exercise was designed to prepare these future Marine Corps Officers for similar challenges in the future.

Practicing the importance of teamwork to solve a problem

Beginning his assault on the aggressors
RING DANCE

CAPTAIN'S LOG: THE RING DANCE
RING DANCE OIC: MIDN SUSAN FRANKS

The Navy Ring Ceremony signifies the crossing over of the graduating seniors to their new and promising careers as Naval and Marine Corps Officers. The seniors (wearing leis) and their dates crossed under an arch of swords towards a large beautiful ring (made by MIDN MIKE SOWA and crew). Inside the ring was a brass binnacle containing the water of the Seven Seas, not to mention a few goldfish. Stopping before the binnacle, the seniors took their rings from the ribbon around their dates' neck and dipped their ring into the binnacle before placing it on their own left hands. The dipping of the ring symbolizes the fortune of the seas will be with the ring bearers throughout their careers.

One of the many couples enjoying this festive occasion

CDR. ROBERTSON and his wife, slow dancing to their song

An extremely special night for this senior and his date

Enjoying the soft music and slow dance...

Getting down to the rhythm of the night