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PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE

A native of Davenport, Iowa, Captain Bob Curtis attended the University of Colorado on an NROTC Scholarship. He was commissioned an Ensign upon graduation in June 1964, entered flight training at Pensacola, Florida, and received his Aviation Wings in February 1966.

Captain Curtis has accumulated over 3500 flight hours, 600 carrier landings, and 235 combat missions. His personal awards include the Purple Heart, two Meritorious Service Medals, two individual Air Medals, 23 Strike/Flight Air Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, seven Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V", the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", the combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross and numerous campaign and service ribbons. He holds a BS degree from the University of Colorado, an MS degree from the University of Southern California, and has done Doctoral work at the University of Hawaii.

INTRODUCTION

The desire to succeed and live the good life is everyone's ultimate goal and because of this, college has almost become normal in the scope of a person's lifetime events. An ordinary person rotates through the four year cycle and in the end acquires a meaningless Bachelor's Degree ultimately leading to nowhere. This is what separates them from us. We are part of an organization that has molded the leaders of the world for over 216 years. We are the Midshipmen and Officer Candidates of the United States Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Our four year experience is one unparalleled by any other. We receive an education which can be applied to something that we hold in high regards--the defense of our country. Along with classes, the integration of unit teams, clubs, and activities are designed to lead midshipmen away from the stereotypical collegiate life. The relentless pursuit of perfection in these activities develops into domination, as demonstrated by our traditional performance at Northwest Navy.

As you look through these pages, you will witness just some of the events that set us apart from the ordinary college student. The men and women in this book should be recognized, for they will be the people that make future history and continue the traditions of the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

PRESS ON!
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

OSU NROTC welcomes LtCol B.A. Grimes III as its new Executive Officer. Having finished his tour as Operations Officer at Marine Corps Air Station New River, LtCol Grimes’ 18 years of experience will prove to be a valuable asset to the unit.

A native of Fort Hood, Texas, he joined the Air Force Academy for two years before transferring to Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Military History. His military education includes the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School at the University of Texas, Off Campus Naval War College, Air Command and Staff College at Auburn University and the Amphibious Warfare School. Having served as a Huey and Cobra pilot for the Marine Corps, LtCol Grimes also enjoyed the position of Officer-in-Charge of all Navy shipboard developmental testing. As a 1st Lt, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross while serving a tour in Korea.

LtCol Grimes is a hard-charging Marine who is dedicated to his job. His positive influence and leadership both in and out of the classroom helps make the unit function like a fine-tuned machine.

WELCOME ABOARD, SIR!
UNIT STAFF

FUNNY, AREN'T THEY!
FALL EVENTS
The first week of the academic year is, for a midshipman, an introduction into the Naval ROTC program at OSU. This week of activities is designed to teach the new midshipman about the Naval ROTC program. This week is known as "ROOKIE-O."

The week does many things for the rookies. The primary purpose is to ease the rookies' transition into Navy life. During the week, rookies learn finer points of military dress, methods of effective study, military knowledge, and most importantly MARCHING.

Rookies attended lectures, marched in the Gill Coliseum parking lot, and swam in the Philomath High School swimming pool. Some of the rookies displayed their acting skills in skits at the request of the staff.

As the week moved on, activities began to pick up. The First Class Swim Test and the Physical Readiness Test were the toughest tasks by far, but the skits and jokes kept everyone in good spirits. Throughout the week, rookies competed for such honors as the "Super Squad" and "Stealth Rookie."

At the end of the week the rookies got to enjoy Saveker Day. This was the day in which the rookies were sworn in as midshipmen. Following the ceremony there was a fun-filled picnic to ease the tension of a long hard week. With lots of food and drink, the highlight of the day was the Freshmen vs. Seniors football game. It was a real NFL "barn burner," and the Seniors won on the last play of the game. Despite the difficulties throughout the week, all the rookies learned something, and this contributed to the success of this year's Rookie-O.
This rookie is enjoying a bird's eye view of the O-course

Even CAPT Curtis enjoys Saveker Day

All rookies must be prepared for the unexpected
The ultimate battle dress

"Wanna hear a secret?"

The freshmen try to devise a master plan
1991 Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Every October the Midshipmen, Officer Candidates, MECEPS and commissioned officers of the Oregon State NROTC gather to celebrate the birthdays of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. This year marked the 216th birthday of the services and as in the past, the event was one of the largest of the year.

The ceremony began with the receiving line, where the midshipmen had a chance to formally meet the officers of the NROTC. Captain R.E. Curtis began the ceremony by reading the birthday greeting and a brief address about the history of the Navy/Marine Corps team.

As the ceremonies finished, the fun began. The cake had been cut in the traditional fashion for all hands to eat. Dancing became the highlight of the night, where the midshipmen and their dates gathered on the dance floor to celebrate. They danced in pairs and even in groups, all having the time of their lives. All in all, the 1991 Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball was a gala event, and this year was certainly no different.

The fun has already started for Midshipman Duax and his date.

Lt. Col. Grimes dances the night away.

LT Austin, the MVP of the night.

Midshipman Bayon and the women.

Killer babes!
It was a cold and brisk morning. It was still dark at 0600 as the competitors converged on MacAlexander field house. Today was the day that all of the extra drills and inspections would pay off. This morning was no ordinary drill, it was squad-comp!

Six squads competed. MIDN 3/C Banning led the Rifle team, MIDN 3/C Barber led the Pistol team, and MIDN 3/C Livingston led the PAO squad. Second company had a squad from each of its platoons compete also. From 1st platoon was MIDN 3/C Gori, from 2nd platoon was MIDN 2/C Coulman, and from 3rd platoon was MIDN 3/C Donaldson.

Each squad went through a drill phase and two inspections. In the drill phase, each squad leader had five minutes to perform one of two drill cards. Each drill card consisted of flanking movements, obliques, and many other close order drill maneuvers.

When all was said and done, MIDN 3/C Banning and his squad could be proud to be the 1991 squad-comp champs. And for the outstanding performance of all the squads, Bravo Zulu for a job well done!
FALL PRT

The morning was cold and the campus was quiet. It seemed another peaceful saturday at Oregon State University was about to begin. But there was an event taking place that would make this morning unlike any other; that event was the biannual physical readiness test.

Inside Mac Fieldhouse two hundred adrenaline charged midshipmen were readying themselves for the grueling test ahead. A test that would push them to their limits in three separate events; push-ups, sit-ups, and a 1.5 mile run. The PRT began with sounds of straining bodies and shouts of encouragement filling the air. For the next hour each participant put forth a maximum effort in all three events. When it was over and the final scores were tallied, the battalion could give themselves a hearty "BRAVO ZULU" for a job well done.

With another PRT under their belts, the midshipmen fell in at the o-course for the battalion field meet. Here fierce competition and plenty of chili dogs was the order of the day. After all the activities were finished, and the last chili dog was eaten, a sense of pride and accomplishment about the days events was felt by everyone.

OC's Khemalaap and Riker looking intense!

Sit-ups Oh what a feeling!!
Ugh! too many chili dogs

OC Koenig making sure everything goes as planned

MIDN 3/C Blanchard against tall odds in the tug-o-war

MIDN 1/C Clark showing off on the pull-up bar

Just another great Navy day here at OSU
WINTER EVENTS
THE ART OF WAR

"The Art of War is a catchy phrase coined by many but practiced by few. This is not the case at Oregon State University NROTC. The art of war is not only practiced, it is taken to perfection! This fact was all too evident at the 1992 Northwest Navy competition.

The competition, held against other Northwest Region NROTC units, was hosted by the University of Idaho in Moscow, on the second weekend in February. As the midshipmen boarded the buses for their twelve hour journey, a feeling of anticipation and pride was in the air. This was it! All the hard work and dedication was about to pay off.

In Moscow, the competition was ready and tough. All of the teams from OSU put forth a tremendous effort against their opponents. In events measuring marching proficiency and inspection readiness, the Drum and Bugle, Color Guard, and Drill teams gave an outstanding exhibition of skill and precision. In the marksmanship competition the Rifle and Pistol Teams dominated the competition once again. The physical fitness teams showed the other units what they were made of in swimming, physical readiness, and physical skills events. And the basketball team crushed all of its opponents to continue the OSU winning tradition.

With the weekend done and all the trophies awarded, the midshipmen of OSU could relax and enjoy another year knowing they gave their best. But not for long, there were only 364 days left until the next Northwest Navy competition!
FLAG PASSING

Winter marks the time for a Battalion Change of Command for the Oregon State University NROTC unit. This is a time when the Battalion Commander passes his duties to his new successor. In this case, MIDN CAPT M. Grizzell gave his last words of wisdom to the battalion, and then proceeded to announce the new Battalion Commander for the winter term. The battalion stood in silence as Mr. Grizzell praised the entire battalion for their outstanding performance during his command. He also gave thanks to his staff for their support, and their excellence in coordinating the unit’s activities. After a brief speech, he then passed his authority to MIDN 1/C Eric Bass. Mr. Bass greeted the battalion with a few words of his own, and announced his staff members. Following his speech, CAPT R. E. Curtis gave his remarks on the overall performance of Mr. Grizzell, his staff, and the unit in general. He also wished Mr. Bass continued success in the new term. Mr. Bass, accompanied by Mr. Grizzell, then embarked on the ceremonial "Review of the Troops" before announcing his expectations. With that, the battalion "Flag Passing" was complete. Good luck Mr. Bass, we welcome you!

The Color Guard shows off its stuff
The Battalion Staff standing tall and proud

Drum and Bugle Corps at their best

Another midshipman receives an award
SPRING COMMISSIONING 1992

On this your commissioning day — we salute you. After all the studying and good times, it is now time for you to move on to new responsibilities. As you join the officer ranks of the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps, remember where you started, but don't ever look back! Good luck!

ENSIGNS UNITED STATES NAVY

GERALD RAIA
HARRY DEWOLF
TIMOTHY SARGENT

NAVAL FLIGHT SCHOOL
NAVAL SUPPLY SCHOOL
NAVAL FLIGHT SCHOOL

2ND LIEUTENANT UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

RICHARD CLARK

THE BASIC SCHOOL
SPRING EVENTS
Commodore Eddingfield was the key-note speaker and guest of honor at this year's Senior Mess Night. For the graduating midshipmen and officer candidates, Senior Mess Night was an introductory course in proper wardroom etiquette. The mess president was the BNCO, MIDN 1/C Eric Bass and "Mr. Vice" was BNMCP0 MIDN 1/C J. Lee, the host of the mess.

It is the solemn duty of every member of the mess to inform the president of all violations of the mess (not having an applauding instrument was the one most frequently violated). Those that did not adhere to the codes of the mess paid the price. Rather than fining the violators a monetary amount (usually a quarter), it was common to dip into the grog bowl. If your violation was serious enough, certain acrobatical skills were put to the test while consuming grog.

Toward the end of the night, formal toasts were made to sailors and soldiers of the past and present, and especially to those who were forgotten by many, but remembered by a few.
VIOLATIONS OF THE MESS

1. Untimely arrival at proceedings.
2. Smoking at table prior to the lighting of the smoking lamp.
3. Haggling over date of rank.
4. Loud and obtrusive remarks in a foreign language or in English.
5. Improper toasting procedures.
6. Leaving the dining area without permission from the President.
7. Carrying cocktails to the dining table.
8. Foul language.
10. Rising to applaud particularly witty, succinct, sarcastic, or relevant toasts, unless following the example of the President.
11. Commencing a course before the President.
12. Placing a bet or wager.
13. Mentioning a specific sum of money.
14. Eating with the wrong utensil.
15. Clapping or striking a glass with a spoon.
16. Having no applauding instrument.
17. Standing upon three raps of the gavel.
18. Wearing a clip-on bow tie at an obvious list.
Naval traditions run deep just like the NROTC Ring Dance. The Navy Ring ceremony signifies the crossing over of the graduating seniors to their new and promising future as Naval or Marine Corps Officers. With their dates, the seniors pass under an arch of swords to the symbolic ring under which a binnacle containing the water of the seven seas. The senior's personal guest then removes the ring from around their neck, dips the ring into the water, and places it on the senior's finger. The dipping of the ring symbolizes the fortune of the seas that will be with the ring bearer throughout their career. After the ceremonies ended a long night of fun and dancing began. The night was not only special for the seniors, but for the underclassmen, it meant the end of another year and new billets for everyone.
Well, it's that time of year again. Time for the traditional test of integrity, to see which platoon is really the best. That's right, it's Platoon Comp time. On May 12, 1992, six of the best platoons in the Oregon State Naval R.O.T.C. battalion fought it out to see who was really worthy of being called the best.

The Platoon Comp consisted of two inspection phases and a drill phase. The drill phase was tough, and the inspections were not fun! In the end, MIDN LTjg Boone and the Rifle team were worthy of being called the best of the best!