A TRADITION CONTINUES
COMMAND SALUTES NAVY'S 212th ANNIVERSARY

by Midn 3/c Hicks

Last Tuesday marked the 212th year for the proud U.S. Navy. This birthday was celebrated by the OSU NAVY ROTC unit on 12 OCT 87 at noon with the traditional cake cutting ceremony on the quarterdeck. The cake was cut by the oldest US Navy veteran in the area and the youngest Midshipman at OSU NAVY. Having that honor was Captain B.D. Simpson USN Ret. commissioned at the US Naval academy in 1925 and MS 4/c Yost M. Stager. Commander Michael commented, "The oldest sailor represents our pride in the past of the men that it is our rich heritage. The youngest Midshipman presents our hope for the future of the Navy which is the continued success of our great fleet."

BREAK OUT THE CIGARS

In a Lanza style birth, where both mother and father are present, Alyssa Nuelle was delivered to Lieutenant Mark and Wendy Lindsay on 26 SEP 87 at Good Samaritan Hospital here in Corvallis.

The baby girl weighed in at eight pounds, ten ounces and was 21 inches long. She was born at 12:45. It was the most wonderful thing I've experienced in my life," said Lieutenant Lindsay about the Lanza Birth Method. He said that those people who are planning to have a child while they're out on deployment and don't want to come back until the child is potty trained are "missing out on everything."

TODD THRUSH REMEMBERED

"I remember that he wanted to fly in the worst way, he had an intense desire to fly." This is the way many remember Todd Thrusch.

Todd Thrusch, a past member of our unit passed away 19 SEP 87 in a tragic logging accident. He is most remembered for his intense desire to fly for the marine corps. His evidence was his "gung ho" attitude and high regard for Esprit de Corps. Thrusch who would have been a junior this year, is also remembered for his positive attitude and the unselfish assistance he provided to people in need.

Throughout his stay at the unit he always showed true pride and professionalism. His devotion to duty and love of country were symbolized by how well he wore his uniform.

We will always remember Todd Thrusch with the highest regard and his dream will live forever in our minds.

Rooks Play On Saveker Day

On Saturday, 26 September 1987, the freshman class at OSU NAVY was sworn in as midshipmen, climaxing a grueling week of Rookie Orientation. After the ceremony, the new midshipmen finally had the opportunity to "blow off some steam" at the Saveker Day picnic and games. Saveker Day for many freshmen is the first time they get to casually meet and make new friends in the unit. They enjoyed sporting events with the upperclassmen, who were known as "air," only a week before.

The day is held in memory of Richard Lloyd Saveker, who passed away while a member of the unit. His father, Captain David R. Saveker, in appreciation for the friendship and support Richard received from his fellow midshipmen, donates money to the unit so that the tired but proud midshipmen can enjoy some fun and games after the rigors of Rookie-O.
SUMMER CRUISE NEWS
by Midn 4/c Lee

1/c CRUISE

Midshipman First Class J.M. Standish's cruise was on the USS CUMARNIA (LST 1196) home ported out of Long Beach, California. His first experience on a cruise was not what he expected. He spent the week in Tijuana, Mexico, first being held in captivity by the local authorities and then released and allowed to proceed to San Diego, Mexico. He spent the week there before being released and allowed to return to the United States.

2/c CRUISE

This past summer, Midshipman Second Class Robertson took a four-week cruise on the USS SCHOENETT (LST 1185) home ported out of San Diego, California. He was assigned to the ship's executive officer for the duration of the cruise. Robertson spent the majority of his time on the ship's bridge, where he was able to observe the ship's operations and take an active role in its management.

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3/c CRUISE

Officer Candidate Bob Field's third class cruise was aboard the USS CUMARNIA (LST 1196) home ported out of San Diego, California. Field had the opportunity to work with the Marines during his cruise. He was assigned to the ship's executive officer for the duration of the cruise. Robertson spent the majority of his time on the ship's bridge, where he was able to observe the ship's operations and take an active role in its management.

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE
ROOKS SPEAK OUT

Another Rookie Orientation has passed, blessing us with a flood of new blood. Over 80 rookies were sworn in this year as Midshipman 4/c. For the most part, they came from towns and families with prior military service. The week itself was very physically and mentally demanding for the rooks. It's an interesting feeling when you're able to continue even after your body shuts down, as commented Second Class Schafer.

It was the generally accepted opinion that rook training was torture. Everyone involved, as well as those who observed, was aware of the stress and strain of the training.

"I am not willing to die for my country, I'm sure as hell willing to kill for it."

... a Midshipman 3/c, an Ensign, and a Seaman took turns watching the infamous mail bouy...

Pigskin Takes a Spin

by Midn 3/c Montgomery

A chill has developed in the early mornings at Oregon State University. Fall is definitely upon us, and with the approach of Fall comes the excitement of football. While the NFL struggles through negotiations and entertains their fans with unknown players, the Batallion begins preparing their Unknowns for football of a different kind. The Ladies of the Batallion have once again formed a team of motivated players to compete in the OSU Intramural football league.

The team, composed of twelve ladies from the Batallion, is coached by David Mintz and led by MIDN 1/c Jenny Soto. Many of the players are returning from last year's team, and some are veterans of the Unknowns' first season two years ago. The games are rough and often played in...

... It gives us an excuse to destroy sorority girls..."