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INSIDE THE RIPTIDE ...

NUKE TRIP 4

Midshipmen and unit staff head to Bangor for an exciting week-end. See it through their eyes as they travel on the bus there and back, go aboard an actual Trident Ballistic Missile Submarine, tour the base training facilities, and partake in the night life Bangor has to offer.

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NW NAVY 6,7,8

OSU takes on rival NROTC units from the University of Washington, the University of Idaho and the University of Utah at Salt Lake City. Catch the thrill of victory as the RIPTIDE covers the heat of competition of our proud unit's teams as it really happens.

Photo by: Midn 3/c Keenan



UNIFORMS 10,11

Informative contributing articles from our unit's Commanding Officer, a unit staff officer, a unit staff enlisted man, and a female midshipman describing their respective uniforms and how it should be worn.

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WELCOME ABOARD

Congratulations to the following "Midshipmen" on their 4 year scholarship awards:

Lawrence T. Dorn-Milwaukie
Andre P. Hansen-K.Falls
Craig J. Fery-Scio

Todd A. Wiedemann-Sherwood

We look forward to seeing you here next year and applaud your achievements.

COLONEL'S CALL

You attend a fine university and, that alone, sets you above and apart from many of your former peers. Furthermore, you are members of a highly regarded Naval ROTC unit which sets you at least several notches higher. My challenge, and the one I always try to transmit to you, is to match your performance to your potential. Sounds kind of easy, but it's not that easy in the "application phase". How do we start? First of all, you start with unit participation. Even the longest voyage starts with the first step. Wouldn't it be dynamite if everyone was enthusiastically involved in at least one unit activity? Think how much better that would be for everyone. One of the facts of life is that you get out of something about what you put in (sometimes more). Another fact is that not everyone is willing to pull their share of the load. My guidance to all of you is to get involved and, when you do, do a little more than your share and do the task at hand better than the person who assigned it expected it to be done. Become involved (totally immersed?) and attack your responsibilities with pride and dedication. Look around. Who are the best future officers? I bet you will say they are the ones who are the most involved in unit activities. There's a clue there somewhere!! Good luck to all of you. You all possess the potential to be exceptional. There's one interesting thing about "luck," the harder (smarter) you work, the "luckier" you will get!!



COLONEL R.G. LEIDICH

Photo by: Midn I/C Hagerty

BNCO'S CORNER

Fall term has been a busy one and most of you have put forth tremendous effort. For many, this college experience was new. This along with your commitment to this NROTC unit has made it quite a bewildering experience. I wanted to take this opportunity in the Riptide to thank the entire battalion for your efforts. Unfortunately, we sometimes overlook or do not fully appreciate or recognize those individuals who have made extra commitments. I'm talking about all of you who have volunteered and have been motivated to get the job done.

The NROTC program seeks to take individuals and train them for naval service. No one expects graduates to be perfect, fully accomplished naval officers. The NROTC program simply provides a framework, the very basic disciplines, for each and every one of us to develop into superior Navy-Marine officers.

This development process is depicted in these activities that you have participated in this fall. Such things as athletics, drill, inspections, concessions, and yes, even the Navy/ Marine Ball. These events help train you in the areas of physical fitness, military bearing, knowledge, followership, leadership, and even in some of the social graces. The point is that even though we do a lot of things, some that may seem to only have an indirect bearing on your Naval career, they are all tools to help develop midshipmen or officer candidates at the NROTC.

I have been here for four years now and I have seen this program develop people. Yes, I'm quite the "old salt". I would submit to you, however, that this program works. I've seen it happen. I would encourage anyone, especially underclassmen to set goals and then bust your butt to obtain them. Get involved. Our development starts at the beginning and progresses by steps, leadership is rarely a natural attribute; it has to be worked at!

No, college life and NROTC participation together is not easy. You can look at my first year's GPA and determine that in an instant, but



MIDN. CAPT M.R. BIONDI

Photo by: O.C. Frey

some hard work and a lot of perseverance can change things and make success all the sweeter.

I have really enjoyed my tenure as your Battalion Commander. I would highly recommend this job as something to strive for. Any position of leadership in this battalion is something to strive towards.

Finally, the NROTC is so much more than exercises in drill and memorizing inspection information. Your continued efforts must be there in order to develop yourself, take it seriously. I really believe in the NROTC program, it is what you make of it.

NUCLEAR POWER TRIP

MIDSHIPMEN SHIP OUT TO BANGOR

DIVING DEEP INTO TRAINING

MIDN 4/C S.L. GUECK

The old familiar rickety tour bus coughs to life as an air of excitement runs through us. Our Public Relations Officer and tour guide climbs confidently aboard to begin our tour of Bangor Submarine Base.

As our tour begins through the seven thousand acre base located near Bremerton on the Puget Sound, it quickly becomes apparent Bangor defies the stereotype of a military base many of us were introduced to early in life: Rows of green buildings laid out in a symmetrical fashion with chain linked fence and guard towers surrounding the complex. This base is a beautiful example of how nature and industry should be mixed. It is not uncommon to see deer wandering about the base, and as the bus pulls up to the sub docks it is easy to see that the engineers clearly took into consideration the environmental effects of the base on the surrounding area. For instance the "Delta Pier", a triangular shaped dock complete with two huge cranes and a dry dock on one side, was built off shore to allow salmon to swim freely up the channel to spawn.

As our battleship-grey bus continues our journey, our tour guide explains that Bangor Submarine Base was commissioned in 1977 and currently services eight ballistic missile submarines or SSBNs. A submarine coming in from patrol will first be demagnetized at a special pier next to the Delta Pier to remove any sonar signatures which it might develop during its typical 70 day patrol. The ship will then proceed to the Missile Exchange Facility, a large covered building located between the Demagnetizing Pier and the Delta Pier. Work on the missiles will take place here if necessary, before the boat moves on to the Delta Pier for refit and overhaul. Finally the ship will return to the Missile Exchange Facility and pick up any missiles that were offloaded and then head out to sea with the second of her blue or gold crews.

As our bus draws near the power plant, which, in addition to electricity, provides steam for all of the hot water and heat to the base, our tour guide tells us it is equipped with the latest in coal burning technology. It burns so cleanly and with such efficiency, that it is the envy of the nearby Bremerton base.

While on our tour we were briefed on the four levels of security of the base with level four being the highest. Level four surrounds the missile storage area, level three is found around the missile manufacturing area, level two is located at the Trident Refit Facility, and level one is where personnel are housed and training facilities have been established.

Our last stop takes us to TRITRAFAC, an acronym commonly used on base for the Trident Training Facility. It is a group of centrally located buildings which serve the purpose of training and evaluating off crews which are on shore while the other crew "has the boat." We were able to try our hand at the navigation, helm, and damage control simulators while touring the facility. The "DC Wet Trainer" highlighted the tour. Although it was designed to train personnel for a serious damage and leakage casualty which could be encountered in a real life situation, it is in fact loads of fun. According to Midn 4/c Sargent, "That thing was the best!"

"CLUB BANGOR"

MIDN 4/C C.L. BRATENG

After a busy day of lectures, a slide presentation, touring the USS Ohio and other facilities at the Bangor Trident Submarine Base the OSU midshipmen "hit the night life" on the base to partake in the numerous activities this outstanding Naval Base offers.

Friday's activities start off with a "no host" cocktail party at the Officers Club with the off crew of the USS Alabama. As good spirits and happy faces fill the room, midshipmen and officers share stories and experiences of adventures on the "high seas". As the midshipmen mingle, they are given the opportunity to ask questions about life as a Naval Officer, their specific career choice, and in general, what life in the Navy is all about.

As the evening progresses and the social hour dissipates, midshipmen begin to seek out other forms of entertainment for the night at what will later be gossiped as "Club Bangor."

Rumor has it that the Chief's Club was quite the "hot spot" this night. The familiar winter doldrums got to the chiefs as they decided to warm things up a little with a hot tub party. The hot tub was brought in and put on the dance floor of their club with all the waitresses dressing up in beach attire

Other middies however, discover Friday night at the Enlisted Club, where everyone enjoys an evening, or rather a very very late night of dancing.

THERE AND BACK

MIDN 3/C C.F. HOFFER

On a dreary Thursday afternoon forty or so midshipmen quickly pile into the unit van and bus to begin the long awaited Nuclear Power trip to the Trident sub base at Bangor, WA. The atmosphere on the bus first is one of anxious excitement. Up forward Lt. Farkas and the driving QMC Rose tell a few jokes to those within earshot while back aft everyone is jabbering breathlessly. A few of the serious students study diligently until the dark of the evening won't allow them to read anymore. Our journey up is interrupted for two crucial stops. We stop once for some desperate middies to use the restroom and a second time for dinner at everyone's favorite: McDonald's! Full bellies and

exhausted jaws helps to quiet things down until our little caravan reaches its final destination, Bangor Submarine Base.

The two days of fun and excitement drew to a close on Saturday afternoon, and once again the midshipmen board the vehicles for the six hour trip home. The atmosphere during the trip back is subdued at first as most of the middies sleep off the effects of the previous evenings events. Not to worry, many middies muster the strength to inhale yet another Big Mac at their favorite dinner stop. Like medication, the food revives a dormant burst of energy to induce the singing of the infamous travel songs. Our bus soon arrives "home" at our unit.

CO'S INSPECTION

HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR THE BATTALION

MIDN 4/C S.L. GUECK

Last minute preparations are going on around us as midshipmen busily clean lint off one another, wipe smudges from their covers, and review military knowledge such as general orders and leadership traits. Midshipmen only act this nervous just prior to an inspection. Today's inspection isn't just any spot inspection as evidenced by the high level of excitement on the drill deck, it is the "Big" one that really counts: Colonel Leidich and all staff officers will be conducting a full scale personnel inspection of the entire battalion!

An eerie silence falls over us as the battalion snaps to attention. Sweaty palms and nervousness are commonplace among the younger midshipmen who have never been through a Colonel's inspection before, and even some of the veteran upper classmen appear tense.

As Colonel Leidich appears, the silence deepens. The entire battalion seems to hold its breath. Who will be first? My question is quickly answered as he proceeds toward the unit officers and staff. Shortly thereafter, the Colonel directs his attention to the events committee. Meanwhile, his officers assault battalion members armed with questions. Lt. McGowan works

his way from midshipman to midshipman coming ever closer and closer to the squad. He searches for uniform discrepancies, quizzes knowledge, tests bearing and scans for every midshipman's worst enemy: lint.

As the Lieutenant passes through the squad, the Colonel is just beginning his inspection trek through First Company. Yet, it will be a while before he gets to Third Company. The strain of standing at attention becomes evident as midshipmen begin to do the "waiting-to-be-inspected-dance" shifting carefully to awaken sleeping feet or relieve cramping muscles. Fidgeting begins to spread as bodies in white companies begin to sway as if driven by some invisible breeze. Shortly, a thoughtful Company Commander gives a "Parade rest" to ease the tension.

"Atten'hut". The company snaps to attention and prepares for inspection at the arrival of the Colonel. Then, as quickly as it began, it was over. Overall the Colonel was very pleased with his inspection, and in his own words said: "It was evident to me that a lot of time and effort went into the preparation phase since virtually everyone possessed good knowledge and looked smart in their uniforms."

FALL COMMISSIONING

MIDN 4/C S.L. GUECK

The last Friday of Fall Term is a day when most midshipmen are already home visiting their parents but, happily this is not the case for Midn 1/C Brian E. Park. On this last Friday of Fall Term Midn 1/C Park is to be commissioned into the United States Navy as an Ensign at a special ceremony held at the NROTC unit here at Oregon State University. Midn 1/C Park is being commissioned by his father, a retired Operation Specialist Master Chief who served thirty proud years in the Navy. He has made a special trip to Corvallis for this occasion.

Opening the ceremony, Col. Leidich welcomes guests and gives a few "fatherly" words of wisdom to Midn 1/C Park. Following, Brian's father commissions Ensign Park into the United States Navy. After this brief ceremony, the proud father watches his son sign the OSU NROTC commissioning book. Afterwards, a brief "Welcome to the Navy" ceremony is held for Ens. Park who will now be having one of the best Christmas vacations of his life. Ensign Park is headed to post-commissioning school for LSD (Dock-Landing Ship) orientation in San Diego. Further schooling will take him to SWOS (Surface Warfare Officer School) for 103 days, and then Engineer Officer Of the Watch (EODW) school for another 61 days. His first duty station as an officer will be as a plank-owner of the yet to be commissioned USS Comstock, due to be at sea in February of 1989.



ENS. Park completes the final detail of the process as he signs the log book. Photo by: Midn 4/C Gueck

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THE ROAD TO UTAH

In today's world of sensationalism, it is a comfort, like an oasis in midst of the harsh dry desert of life to know that one NROTC paper is still devoted to publishing the real facts. It is in this spirit that we at the Riptide are proud to headline: THE DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS SWEEPS THE COMPETITION AT NORTHWEST NAVY. Ok, so no other NROTC unit in the Northwest has a Drum and Bugle Corps - it's a minor technicality. Sarcasm aside, it is really a shame that they didn't have an opponent whom they could relish a victory against. Nevertheless, through quirk of fate compounded by the limited availability of seating aboard a Navy transport plane earned them and me a chunk of the real imitation leather (vinyl) seats aboard the two unit vans on Thursday 11 Feb. 88. The rest of the battalion's competitors would follow by plane on Friday.

While Staff Sgt. Hays fired up one van, Commander Michael was at the helm of the other. Lt. Pavlat, who was riding shotgun, briefed us. Our purpose: arrive at the Hilton Hotel in Salt Lake City unscathed by noon on Friday. Our mission: ravage the junk food aisles and pillage the Coke refrigerators in every third 7-11 between Oregon and Utah. Later, full bellies and a mass of wrappers from Twinkies and other assorted health foods strewn about the interior of our mud splattered vehicle would be evidence that we had completed our mission.

A Bob Seger "live" in concert tape provided the music, the Lt. and SSgt. provided the sea stories, and Alan Barkman provided a hotly contested Pinochle game which lasted from Bend, Oregon to the Utah border. A request to graph the scores of the 30 plus hand game was turned down for fear it might resemble a chart of congressional funding for defense. As for the beautiful scenery - during most of the trip it could best be described as "dark".

Our caravan arrived sheepishly ahead of schedule in Salt Lake City at 0700 on Friday. God must have blessed the Denny's food chain to open a restaurant next to the Hilton, to our pleasure. Silly with the midnight giggles, our group staggered into the restaurant to poke fun at the light-footed manager and have a bite to eat before we retired to the comfort of our rooms. The general consensus was it was a trip well worth taking. Soon after, we turned our attention to the task at hand, VICTORY!!

"LET THE GAMES BEGIN"

The opening ceremonies of Northwest Navy remind me very much of a high school pep rally. The Master of Ceremonies calls the midshipmen to attention for the entrance of the senior officer present, in this case Brigadier General J.R. Joy, USMC. Then the Commanding Officer of the hosting unit introduces each participating school. The University of Utah, the University of Idaho, the University of Washington, and of course "The Best in the West and all the Rest," Oregon State University! This is accompanied by much loud cheering and Marine "barking".

The General is then invited to present his opening remarks to officially begin the competition. His remarks are to the point. General Joy refers to the importance of this competition and others like it. Then in the Olympic tradition to which this year belongs, he closes his remarks by saying, "Let the games begin!"



SSGT. Wolf receives an individual award in the physical fitness event.

Photo by: Midn 3/C Keenan



Color guard shows the flag at Northwest Navy.

Photo by: Midn 1/C Shevchuk

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PFT TEAM GETS PHYSICAL

At 0530 the motivated Physical Fitness (PFT) team prepares to compete. The stars still twinkling in the sky illuminate the frosty, deserted streets. Despite the bleakness of the morning, the Naval Science building hums with voices as the competitors warm-up, stretch out and mentally prepare themselves for the morning's events.

For the men, the PFT consists of pull-ups, timed sit-ups and a three mile run. The women's competition includes a flexed arm hang, timed sit-ups and a one and one-half mile run. A few of the team's members also compete in the Physical Skills competition which consists of the PFT score, a one-half mile swim and pistol shooting.

Midn. 3/c McCallister did an excellent job by having a two minute, one second flexed-arm hang, bringing home a trophy. Through an outstanding performance, SSGT Wolf captured the pull-ups trophy and the high PFT score award for the Physical Skills competition. The women's team won the team trophy. Altitude and a tough running course did not allow the team to perform at its peak ability. Even so, the team put forth their best effort and made an excellent showing.

INDIVIDUALS UNLOAD

As the van pulls up to the rifle range, the rifle team members begin to get "psyched up" for the upcoming competition. All the hard work and practice they have accomplished is about to be put to the test. Steady hands and keen eyes are important in this competition.

The scent of gunpowder lingers in the air while the rifle teamers set up for the competition which is about to follow. The range itself is cold and drafty, and brings despairing looks from other teams. But to the OSU team it is a familiar feeling and in a few quick moments they stand ready to show their superior marksmanship. The initial test is to hit 24 stationary targets within 20 minutes while laying on their stomachs. This test is repeated in the standing and kneeling positions. When the last shot is fired and all the scores have been tallied it is not OSU that comes out with the trophy, but the experience and knowledge gained through this competition will provide the impetus for future outstanding performances.

SWIM TEAM TRIUMPHANT

Individual dedication, and perseverance paid off for the Swim Team as they torpedoed the other three NROTC teams in a six out of eight event routing plus the team trophy. There was no city league, no national league, no university exhibitions in which they could polish their skills prior to the heat of competition. The one and only reason behind four months of practice lead by Lt. White begins and ends in one two hour event at Northwest Navy.

While many of the members are long-time competitive swimmers, some went out for the team for the enjoyment. Midn. 3/c C. Leonard commented, "I'm not a swimmer. I just had a lot of fun out there and went out and did my best." Putting forth your best effort and enjoying it, is what good competitive spirit is all about. The swim team had that spirit and walked away with the awards to prove it.

PISTOL TEAM VICTORIOUS

"Shooters, are you ready?" As the range master gives the call, the Pistol Team becomes very silent, very still. Tension is high, but each shooter tries to maintain his/her composure and relax. The pistol team has practiced diligently since school began in September, preparing for all of its matches, but especially for Northwest Navy. Many months of practice for an hour of competition paid off. At the awards ceremony, OSU swept the competition with MIDN Lt.(j.g.) D. May winning the slow fire trophy and Midn. 2/c J. Mikkelson winning the timed, rapid and all-around shooter awards. The pistol team brought home the team trophy continuing it's winning tradition.

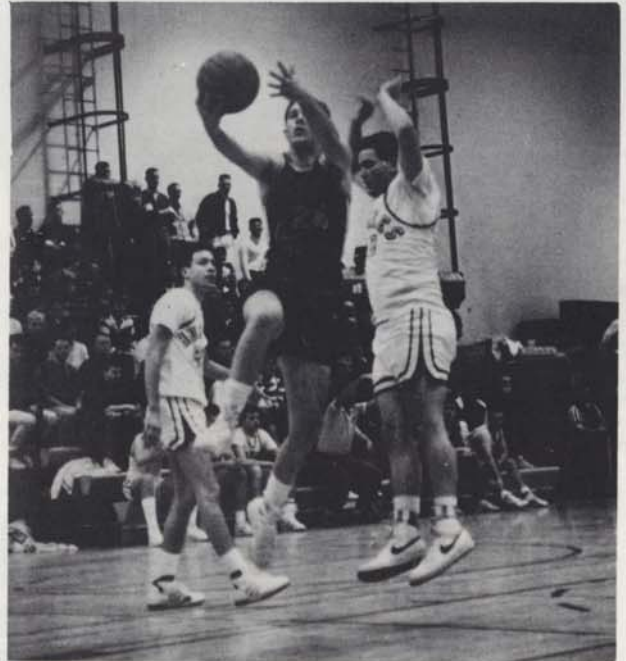


Photo by: Midn 1/C Shevchut

BASKETBALL TEAM WINS

Ooooooh Eesssssss Uuuuuuuuu Oregon State! Fight! Fight! Fight! A predominantly OSU NROTC crowd cheers and yells, motivating their team in pursuit of victory. After two consecutive wins, OSU has reached the final game. A win now will mean bringing home the championship trophy. The playing is intense. Many potential calls go unnoticed by the "sharp-eyed" referees, causing the Oregon State NROTC crowd to come to its feet. Despite some overly aggressive play by the Univ. of Washington, OSU prevails with good ball-handling skills and expert shooting. Four months of early morning training, competition in the Corvallis City league and the leadership of coach Lt. Pavlat helped polish and prepare the team for domination at NWN. Once again the Basketball Team tastes the sweetness of victory.

DRILL TEAM

The Drill team competition at Northwest Navy is perhaps the most difficult and stressful event. In it, teams are judged in inspection, regulation marching, exhibition, and individual phases. The sight of the OSU Drill team in exhibition phase is certainly an impressive sight. As they march smartly about the deck executing each maneuver with unrivaled accuracy, there can be no doubt which team is truly the best.

Although the drill team did not sweep the competition, they did win the exhibition phase, inspection phase, and two individual trophies. Midn. 4/c Goldschmidt took the "knockout" award and Midn 3/c Himstreet won the individual phase. In their hearts they came away as the real victors at Northwest Navy. Drill Team Commander Goodwin is already planning for the next competition which will take place on 9 April of this year. When asked how he felt about the the team's performance in Utah he stated, "We did good."



Photo by: Midn 1/C Shevchuk

Domination!

Midshipmen from four different battalions are beginning to file into the brightly lit banquet room of the Salt Lake City Hilton. The awards ceremony for Northwest Navy 1988 is about to begin. We will soon see who really is the "Best in the West."

The Oregon State University Drum And Bugle Corps begins the ceremony by playing our National Anthem. Next a short "welcome aboard" is given, which is followed by dinner. After dinner, Brigadier General J.R. Joy takes his place as the awarding officer. The color guard competition is on top of the list and OSU receives third place. This is followed by the basketball championship award which goes to the OSU team. The pistol team swept their division taking every single trophy. The rifle team likewise did an outstanding job and as individuals, succeeded in achieving their goals. The women's physical fitness award is the next trophy that OSU brings in. In the men's physical skills division SSGT Wolf brings home several awards for his superior abilities. The swim team blew all three other teams out of the water as they also swept their entire division with the exception of two awards. This leaves only the drill team awards. OSU comes out with four of the seven awards. Midn 3/C Himstreet wins the individual phase, Midn 4/C Goldschmidt wins the knockout phase, and the team receives the awards for both the inspection and exhibition phases.

On the whole, the OSU NROTC unit came away with over 50% of the awards. When asked how he felt about the competitive spirit at Northwest Navy, Colonel R.G. Leidich stated, "When you're good there is a standard of excellence you need to maintain, others need to raise their standards in order to be competitive with you. This would tend to cause an upward trend so that the battalions from the four units are always improving. In essence, that is what Northwest Navy is all about."

Color Guard

On the deck of the National Guard Armory, off the University of Utah campus, stood a solid wall of patriotism. Shoulder to shoulder, from inspection to maneuvering phase, the Oregon State University NROTC Color Guard competed against the color guards from the Universities of Idaho, Utah, and Washington in Northwest Navy 1988. Taking third position the five man team from OSU, carrying three flags and two rifles, was led by Color Guard Commander George Mengelberg. Oregon State's other representatives on the team were squad leaders Campanella and Bosley, with freshmen Nunn and Freudenthal completing the ranks.

After a vigorous inspection, tough questions and what seemed to be an endless number of corrections and gigs, a lively color guard was in the prep room commenting on how this drill inspector was "ten times worse than last year." The great majority of discrepancies centered on what the inspector thought were deviations from the drill manual. A tie clip with the Marine Corps symbol was justified as "Oregon State University Color Guard standard operating procedure" for Marine option midshipmen. The white belts and ascots, which are signs of special team membership, were returned to the uniforms and the entire guard then prepared for marching in the regulation and parade maneuver phases. The OSU team performed with amazing accuracy, inspiring the words "Think, concentrate, and be regulation," from their Commander.

A spirited congratulations goes out to the OSU Color Guard for representing our unit and our nation with such pride.

USAA AWARDS

USAA awards are handed out annually to those outstanding midshipmen who excel in their battalion and its associated activities. This year, Midn 1/c (Marine Option) Mike Farace and Midn 1/c Julia Wilczynski received awards.

The awards consist of a \$500 cash award plus a clock. Midn 1/c Farace earned his award for placing 1st in his graduating class at Bulldog in Quantico, Virginia. Midn 1/c Julia Wilczynski received her award as a result of her merit and abilities as submitted by the unit on her behalf.

CROSSING THE LINE

LT. PAVLAT

"Crossing the line" is a ceremony that goes way back. For centuries it has been carried on by not just our Navy, but many other nation's Navy's as well. Our ceremony is traditional and does not change from year to year. The particular one I was involved in occurred just after we crossed the equator in the Indian Ocean. The U.S.S. Duluth, LPD-6, was part of Amphibious Readiness Group Alpha with the U.S.S. Tarawa, LHA-1, and the U.S.S. Frederick, LST-1184. We crossed the equator just after we left Mombasa. The ceremony itself was held at an arbitrary time some time after we crossed the line. I was really surprised to see who had not yet crossed the equator, the XO who was a Lt Cmdr. (soon to be Cmdr) had not, nor had the Supply Officer or the Chaplain.

The Mess Specialists had been saving up for this ceremony for several weeks. They were saving all the garbage and storing it in the gun tubs where the atmosphere is nice and hot, where the refuse ferments very nicely. The Engineers were saving grease and other little goodies. The Boatswain, Mates were busily sewing together canvas which would form the tunnel that we would be forced to crawl through.

Finally when the day of the ceremony arrived, the "Shellbacks," as those who had been through the ceremony were called, all formed up on the deck to dish out some of the fun. Each one received a sheleilee, which is a 24 inch strip of old fire hose. I stood with the rest of the "Polywogs," which is what all who have not been through the ceremony are called and together we prepared for the nightmarish ceremony that we'd been hearing about for weeks. Together we must have made quite a sight because it was necessary to wear the uniform of the day inside out. For Officers this is working Khaki's, for Enlisted personnel it is t-shirts and shorts. I also put on a pair of knee pads because I knew I would need them...

When the ceremony began we were told to get down on our hands and knees and crawl through a double line of "Shellbacks." Each had their sheleilee in hand and they paddled our asses real good. Some took garbage and rubbed it in my hair while others simply poured grease on me. When they turned the firehose on us it didn't exactly feel great, in fact it blasted us pretty good. After the initial hosing down, I was directed toward a chute of canvas that was stuffed full of garbage. It was the longest and hardest 30 feet I have ever had to crawl through and I emerged from the other end not a minute too soon...It was really rank in there! After that we were once again subjected to the fire hose, then after a little more paddling and a few more things designed to get garbage on us we visited the dunk tank. The dunk tank is a large tank filled with water and some other little goodies...

After all this I still had to crawl up and kiss the "Royal Baby." The "Royal Baby" is a "Shellback" who is also the fattest person aboard. He strips down and puts on a big diaper, then greases up his stomach real good. He oversees the entire ceremony and at the end of the ceremony the "polywogs" all crawl up and kiss his stomach. Of course as I did this he took my face and shoved it deep into his greasy stomach. The ceremony was completed by a final hosing down, and the distribution of cards which granted us "Shellback" privileges. The card was signed by Davy Jones the royal scribe of Neptunus Rex.

The buildup to the ceremony is by far the worst part of the ceremony, however it is also half the fun for the "Shellbacks." To be truthful the ceremony was actually a lot of fun and not nearly as bad as everyone says. It was fun going through as a "Polywog," but I imagine the ceremony will be even better as a "Shellback..."

AWARDS CEREMONY

MIDN 3/C C.F. HOFFER

The awardees nervously stand in loose formation at the place of honor ahead of the battalion anxiously waiting for the ceremony to commence. Midn. Capt Biondi calls the battalion to attention as Col. Leidich enters McAlexander Field House. Midn. Lt. Lewis begins the ceremony as the Colonel and guest speaker make their way through the ranks of awardees, congratulating them on a job well done.

As usual, the number of people receiving awards is high, many of them have been up there several times before. For those who have not had the good fortune to receive an academic award, Winter term offers another chance to strive for the honor roll. Congratulations to the following recipients of the distinguished midshipman award.

First Class

Asbury, S.W.	3.77	Cooper, J.R.	3.60	Murray, M.D.	3.60
Betschart, J.V.	4.00	Jones, K.D.	4.00	Pawlowski, M.H.	3.82
Charlesworth, T.J.	3.54	Runyan, T.M.	3.71	Tave, G.A.	3.63
Christofferson, D.G.	3.84			VanRijn, G.J.	4.00
Clark, D.P.	3.59	<u>Second Class</u>			
Franks, S.M.	3.57	Gould, B.T.	3.73	<u>Third Class</u>	
Hilberg, G.R.	3.80	May, D.G.	3.53	Dewilde, C.R.	
May, P.D.	4.00	Robertson, D.F.	3.53	Groshong, T.M.	4.00
Rondeau, A.L.	3.67	Beebe, A.L.	4.00	McGrew, G.A.	3.50
Shevchuk, B.A.	3.50	Bolduc, J.T.	3.75	Bowers, R.M.	4.00
Soto, J.	3.60	Carlson, R.E.	3.80	Carsten, P.M.	3.77
Wilczynski, J.M.	3.81	Frey, W.H.	3.60	Windle, J.C.	3.50

Fourth Class

Barnett, O.L.	3.56
Bodine, C.J.	3.84
Grappe, B.J.	4.00
Heffner, J.R.	4.00
Kelly, C.H.	3.94
Lewis, J.A.C.	3.67
Mortenson, M.S.	3.82
Pointier, S.D.	3.73
Schafer, M.D.	3.93
Yordy, D.G.	4.00

Marine Option

Becker, W.J.	3.65
Biondi, M.R.	3.80
Farace, M.	4.00
Hunter, R.E.	3.81
McMorries, D.W.	3.69
Mikkelsen, J.C.	3.75
Swinney, V.F.	4.00
Arceneaux, A.J.	3.73
Whitehead, G.F.	4.00
Wolf, K.P.	4.00

The military uniform provides visual evidence of the commitment made to honorably serve one's country in the profession of arms. One's oath to "support and defend..." should never be taken lightly. Many of our predecessors have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and they will

not be the last. Understanding the oath and the degree of commitment required to support their affirmation, it would be incongruous to wear a military uniform in a manner which fails to reflect their commitment. Look sharp, feel sharp, be sharp!!!

—COLONEL R.G. LEIDICH

UNIFORMS

"THE PRIDE'S INSIDE"

SSGT. HAYS

The Marine Corps, like the Navy, has many different uniforms which are to be worn at different times and for different occasions. Hopefully, everyone has seen Marines in the dress blue uniform and have been at least fairly impressed. What many do not realize is that dress blues are an optional uniform for most Marine enlisted men and women. I will describe the basic differences in the service, dress and utility uniforms and the occasions in which each is worn.

Service Uniforms in the Marine Corps are usually designated by a letter (i.e. A or Alpha, B or Bravo, C or Charlie, etc.). The green uniform that the Marine personnel wear on a daily basis consists of two types of fabric, wool and polyester. Wool is prescribed for winter wear, polyester for summer. Green trousers with the short sleeve shirt is the Charlie uniform which many have seen us wear during the summer. The Bravo uniform is like the Charlie uniform except it consists of a long sleeve shirt worn with a tie and tie bar. A woolly pully sweater may be worn with this uniform during winter. The Alpha uniform is the same as the Bravo except the green coat is worn over the shirt with ribbons and shooting badges. I stated before that a large number of enlisted Marines do not own dress blues, so the Alpha uniform would be their senior uniform and would be worn on formal occasions. This is a very brief description of the differences in the green uniform which might aid in their distinction.

When to wear the proper uniform is as important as what to wear. The different dress uniforms of the Marine Corps are worn according to the occasion you are attending. The dress blue or white Alpha uniforms are worn on special occasions such as parades, ceremonies and reviews when special honors are given to the event. The Mess Dress uniform is worn to club affairs, dinner parties, and dinner dances or other black tie occasions. Formal dinners, inauguration or the Marine Birthday Celebration would be cause to wear the Evening dress uniform. The last, and by far my favorite uniform is the utility or camouflage uniform. This is the working uniform of the Marines in the Fleet Marine Force. It consists of camouflage trousers and coat with combat boots and camouflage cover. The Dress and Service uniforms are worn for special occasions but this is the uniform worn by the majority of Marines on a daily basis.

This has been a general overview of the uniforms worn by the Marines. The most important thing for the individual to remember is that it does not matter which uniform is worn or which service wears it, but rather the manner in which it is worn. The pride you have in yourself, your job, in the service of your country will show through no matter what uniform is worn. Like the commercial says, "THE PRIDE'S INSIDE." Semper Paratus



The service dress blue uniform is for important events.

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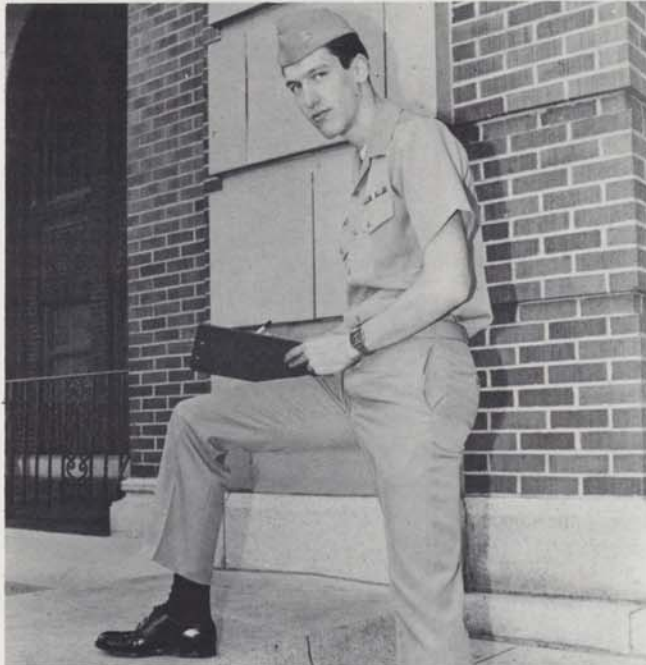
LT. PAVLAT

A number of different uniforms are worn by the Navy staff while on duty here at the NROTC Unit in Corvallis. Weather conditions as well as type of occasion influence the decisions affecting the prescribed uniform. SOPA, Senior Officer Present Afloat/Ashore, is that officer who determines the prescribed uniform.

During the winter months, the winter blue uniform is prescribed for day to day use. It consists of the Navy blue long-sleeved shirt with Navy blue trousers. The winter working blue uniform differs in that no tie or ribbons are worn. More formal attire during the winter months may consist of service dress blues (SDB's), full dress blue which consists of large medals, sword, and white gloves, or dinner dress blues with miniature medals and bow tie.

As temperatures warm during the spring months, the work uniform shifts from winter blue to summer khaki. Summer khaki consists of a khaki Certified Navy Twill (CNT) short sleeve shirt with khaki CNT trousers. Ribbons with warfare specialty pin is worn on the left breast. Summer khaki is worn open collared with no tie. For more formal occasions, summer white may be prescribed. This uniform consists of white short sleeve shirt with white trousers. Ribbons with warfare specialty pin is worn. During the warm months for ceremonial occasions, service dress white may be prescribed. This is affectionately known as "choker whites" for the straight, high, buttoned collar. The white service dress coat with white long trousers is worn with ribbons and warfare specialty pin. Dinner dress white may be worn for formal dinner occasions. This is the same uniform as service dress white except that miniature medals and miniature warfare specialty pins are worn with this uniform. For change of command ceremonies or other formal, official occasions, full dress white may be prescribed, which is essentially the service dress white uniform worn with large medals, sword, and white gloves.

Within the naval service there is a uniform to fit every occasion. A squared-away officer packs a full seabag of uniforms.



The khaki uniform is the favorite of many for its comfort and ease of care.

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Warm summer months call for a lightweight and comfortable uniform.

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MIDN. ANGLIN

As I walk across the campus on Tuesday, uniform day, looks are tossed my way. Admiration and usually surprise are prevalent on the faces of my observers; admiration for what the uniform represents and surprise to see a female in that uniform. Women in the military still cause a sense of astonishment to many people. I simply smile and keep walking with my head held high. Pride and respect for the uniform I am wearing are written on my face. I am honored to be allowed to wear my uniform: it's a privilege only granted to a few.

Like the men's uniform, the women's uniform represents the U.S. Navy and the country. Despite many similarities, the women's uniforms do have some differences from the men's. Women's uniforms have two versions, the Alpha and the Bravo, while the male uniform has one version with the exception of the Marine uniforms. The basic difference between our variations is that with the Alpha, women wear skirts and pumps and with the Bravo, slacks and oxfords are prescribed. The same black-brimmed, white topped, combination cover is worn with both. With the summer khakis, the khaki garrison cap is worn. Only khaki Bravo with slacks and oxfords are worn while at NROTC.

In addition to general uniform regulations, women have regs concerning jewelry, make-up, fingernails and hosiery obviously not included in the men's regs. Unlike the men, women do not have to cut their hair, but, while wearing the uniform, it must be pinned up so it does not fall below the lower edge of the collar. As one might expect, there are regulations specifying just how to pin it up.

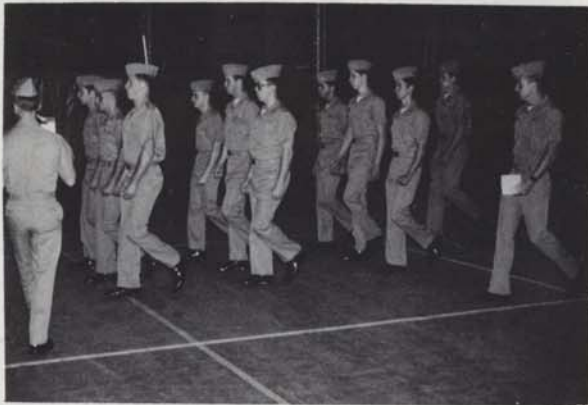
As a female midshipman, I am impressed when men of the unit are knowledgeable about the women's uniforms and other regulations concerning the women's appearance during inspection. I also appreciate it when they are able to answer questions outside of drill concerning the female's uniforms.

I hold my uniforms in the highest regards. The uniforms are a part of the United States Navy and the pride I show for them is also my pride in America.

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Platoon Commanders prepare their platoons for Platoon Comp.

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Unit teams travel to San Antonio, Texas to march in the Fiesta Days Parade. Photo by: Midn 4/C Howe

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The Aviation Field Trip to Pensacola, Florida promises to be a real blast. Photo by: Midn 4/c Fisher

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Motivated Marine Corps candidates set their sights on Bulldog Prep. Photo by: Midn 2/C Lamoureux

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