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SSTG Luebke, SGT Freeman and Midn Banning stand by to greet the new group of freshman students

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CAPTAIN'S CALL

CAPTAIN M. R. RICE
PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE

This is my first Captain's Corner since taking command of the battalion in September, and I want to begin by mentioning how happy I am to be here and how impressed I've been with the Unit as a whole. I'm sure you've heard the old adage, "Be careful of what you want because you're sure to get it.", and it has always had a negative connotation. But in my case I asked specifically for NROTC Oregon State University, got it, and I couldn't be any happier now that I'm here!

And what a superb organization I inherited when I arrived! Despite the three month gap between Captain Dyke's departure and my arrival, it was very evident that the staff, with the Executive Officer, CDR Ward, acting in command, had done a superb job over the summer of preparing for the fall term. The restructured New Student Orientation program was a great success. Forty freshmen began NSO and thirty-nine completed, which is indicative not only of the outstanding quality of the new students, but also of the outstanding quality of the new upperclassmen who reported early to ensure our new midshipmen got off on the right foot. Since then I have had the pleasure to participate in a number of other highly successful events which include the Navy Birthday Ball, fall awards, joint tailgate parties, the Albany Veteran's Day Parade, and Fall Commissioning. I'm already looking forward to the spring events.

Since this is my first input to the RIPTIDE, I want to use this opportunity to tell you what my goals are for OSU Midshipmen and Officer Candidates. My first goal is to have every person in the battalion achieve and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. I feel there is nothing more important than your academics while a OSU. Your transcripts will follow you the rest of your working life, and they can either help you or haunt you, so recognizing this fact now and working to achieve good grades is vitally important to your future (starting with service selection). I and the staff are committed to assisting you in whatever way possible to achieve excellence in academics. My second goal is to lay the groundwork for excellence in leadership and professionalism. These two qualities, more than any others, are what you will be judged by in your careers, and they form the basis of your personal reputation among subordinates, peers, and superiors alike. Like your transcripts, your personal reputation will follow you throughout your career. Begin now by seeking positions of leadership in the Battalion and working on your personal and professional reputation. The experience gained here in NROTC can pay big dividends when you find yourself in direct competition with your contemporaries for promotion and selection to the best and most demanding positions. My third goal is for your to have fun. Your college years are some of the best you will ever
experience. Make the most of them. I will try my hardest to provide the environment here at the Unit that is conducive to achieving each of these goals...good grades, leadership and professionalism, and fun. They are all compatible and equally achievable.

Finally, my door is always open, and I would be very pleased to have you stop by to talk about any subject, be it professional, personal, or a tip on what fly the trout are hitting (and where). I value your opinions and inputs on ways to make our Unit even better, so talk to me. I and the staff are here for no other reason than to commission the world’s best officers who will be the leaders of the world’s best Navy and Marine Corps. Oregon State has the reputation for producing officers who are “the best in the West and all the rest” and I want that to continue. GO FOR IT!!

WELCOME ABOARD

Captain Marvin R. Rice, a native of Eureka, California, graduated from California State University at Chico where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geography. He was commissioned in the United States Naval Reserve in June 1967.

Captain Rice has served at sea in both the Pacific and Atlantic Fleets. His initial sea assignment was in USS CHARLES BERRY (DE 1035) where he served as Combat Information Center Officer and Weapons Officer. Subsequent assignments at sea included tours as Weapons Officer in USS EDWARD MCDONNELL (FF 1043), Executive Officer in USS ALBERT DAVID (FF 1050) and USS NORTON SOUND (AVM 1), and Commanding Officer of USS PLUCK (MSO 464), USS KOELSCH (FF 1049) and USS SAMPSON (DDG 10).

Captain Rice’s assignments ashore include Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer on the staff of Naval Destroyer School, Newport, Rhode Island; duty in Washington, D.C., on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations for Surface Warfare (OP-03); and a tour as Chief Staff Officer for DESTROYER SQUADRON 12 in Mayport, Florida. In 1989, he attended the U.S. Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island, where upon graduation, he transitioned to the faculty and served for two years as Director of the Naval Command College, which is the senior course for international officers. In August 1992, Captain Rice assumed command of Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, the Navy’s largest and most strategically important overseas base in the world. He assumed command of the Naval Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon in September 1994.

In addition to his Bachelor’s Degree, Captain Rice holds a Master of Science in Management from Salve Regina University, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and The Navy Achievement Medal, in addition to other service medals and ribbons.

Captain Rice is married to the former Angela Aird Feiler of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have a twin son and daughter, Christopher and Kimberly.
This year started fast and furious and has continued to increase in intensity with every passing week. We kicked off the new academic year with possibly the best New Student Orientation (NSO) we have ever had. With predawn Physical Training (PT) sessions and excellent drill and military instruction by the Marines, this year’s NSO will be remembered fondly by those Midshipmen (Midn) and Officer Candidates (OC’s) who were "lucky" enough to participate. With the new students properly indoctrinated, the Oregon State University Naval ROTC Battalion began what has been one of the busiest terms to date. Some of the activities the Battalion participated in were: The Navy/Marine Corp Cake Cutting Ceremonies and the Birthday Ball, OSU Open House and 1959 Class Reunion, Tailgates, Veterans Day Activities, POW/MIA vigils, Blood Drive, Toys for Tots Fun Run, Squad Competition, Fall Physical Readiness Test, and Fundraising Efforts. On top of this, taking 15+ credits and a part time job (for some). I am very proud of the effort and enthusiasm that the Battalion put forth during Fall Term 1994!!

This effort and enthusiasm along with a continued positive attitude will, no doubt, bring us success as we travel North in February, to "NUKE MOSCOW" in our annual Northwest Navy (NWN) Competition in Moscow, Idaho.

Also, in an effort to increase joint participation with the Army and Air Force, another change to the Battalion Structure has occurred this year with the creation of two new billets. These two new billets are the Army (N-7) and Air Force (N-8) Liaison Billets. With these two billets, an opportunity to learn how the other services operate has added a whole new dimension to the training program here at OSU NROTC.

I would like to congratulate the Fall ’94 commissionees on their achievement. You have completed another major goal in a long list of goals you have set for yourselves. To the rest of the Battalion, follow this example and look ahead to the achievement of your goals and know that there is "light at the end of the tunnel". If you continue to persevere with the DETERMINATION and COMMITMENT you have shown thus far, there is NO STOPPING YOU!

PRESS ON!

BNCO
MOI'S CORNER
MAJOR D.K. Hough
Marine Officer Instructor

Having observed three battalion
staffs to date I can say that overall I am
impressed with the level of professionalism
and dedication. Each and every one of you
are capable of the same level of performance.
Like anything else in life you receive what
you invest. The varying levels of
performance are a direct reflection of the
individuals level of motivation. In this
training environment the “Major” is the worst
thing that will happen to you. Learn from
your experiences, do not hesitate to take
charge. Life in the fleet will not be so
forgiving. If you fail, hopefully the worst
thing that will happen to you is a short career.
Never forget your charge, the lives of our
Sailors and Marines, so take advantage of the
wealth of knowledge in your staff. There is only one person to blame if you are not prepared when
you depart here.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

“OUTTA THE RACK! OUTTA THE
RACK! GET ON LINE NOW!”

With these words we began the glorious
days of New Student Orientation, 1994. In only
four short days the new students were
transformed into a platoon that could drill and
PT. In the platoon of “new students” were
some salty dogs: prior enlisted Navy types who
showed their younger counterparts how and in
some cases why things were done the way they
were. Their help in squaring away the platoon
was one of the main reasons behind the success
of NSO. Hopefully, the grudges borne against
us were as short-lived as the four days of Phase
I.

Along with the transformation of the
platoon went the transformation of several
individuals. For obvious reasons, we can’t
name names, but those of you new students
who came in not even being able to WALK
correctly are now pretty squared away (Smith!)
(Robinson!) (Where ya’ at there PLEEEW!)

All things being equal, however, we
probably learned as much from all of the new
students as they did from us, and we are pretty
stinkin’ proud of how well all of you turned out.
Right now, we’re only livin’ for one thing:
come the end of September of 1995 there will
be some Rooks standing by! Oooh Rah!

by Midn Banning and SGT Freeman
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION IS THIS THE FUN PART?

Ask me again after finals week....I may say “Yes”!
Birthday Ball
219th Celebration of the
United States Navy
&
United States Marine Corps

The men and women of Oregon State's Naval ROTC unit celebrated the 219th birthdays of the United States Navy and Marine Corps October 25, in the Memorial Union's Grand Ballroom. This extravagant evening started with an impressive receiving line that consisted of our Battalion Commander, Don Galyon and his date, the Unit's Marine Officer Instructor, Major Hough and his wife Jennifer, the Executive Officer, Commander Ward and his wife Deborah, and our guest of honor, the Commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit, Captain Rice and his wife Angela. The receiving line also marked the entrance to the very elegant grand piano social room where Evalyn Coleman beautifully played the piano.

The Master of Ceremonies for this year's affair was Officer Candidate Martin Pedersen. The ceremonies began with the Unit's Color Guard presenting colors while Evalyn Coleman sang the National Anthem. Battalion Commander, Don Galyon was then introduced to represent the Navy in reciting the Chief of Naval Operation's letter reflecting on the past 219 years of the Naval Pride and Professionalism. Then Battalion Master Chief, Dave Banning, was introduced to represent the Marine Corps in reciting a letter written by the Commandant of the Marine Corps reflecting on the past 219 years of Semper Fidelis and United States Marine Corps.

Next on the schedule of events was the presentation of the birthday cake and the cake cutting ceremony. "March on the cake!" ordered Officer Candidate Pedersen. "Adjutant Call" was played by Midshipman Sensabaugh, followed by an impressive cadence, played by Midshipman Albelo. Everyone stood in awe as Midshipman Johnston ceremoniously preceded the beautifully decorated cake carrying the saber that would be used during the cake cutting ceremony. Midshipmen Richerson and Plew followed, as they guided the giant birthday cake onto the ballroom floor, through the ever so perfect, Swords of Honor that consisted of an arch of perfectly positioned midshipmen.

As tradition would have it, the senior officer (represented by Captain Rice) and the youngest sailor (represented by Midshipman Brian Sandrini) took their places for the formal cake-cutting ceremony. Officer Candidate Pedersen reminded us that, "A sword is used to cut the cake as a reminder of our heritage of tradition. A reminder that we are committed to carrying the sword so that our nation may live in peace and that our citizens may enjoy the blessing of liberty." The first piece of cake was presented to the eldest member of the Navy, still on active duty, who then passed that piece of cake to the youngest member present, just as for 219 years our experienced sailors and marines have led and nurtured the young members that fill our service. Captain Rice first joined the Navy in December of 1963. Midshipman Sandrini, the youngest member of the Midshipman battalion at Oregon State University, was born on September 27th, 1976. The ceremony was concluded with the order "Post the cake."

With the formalities completed, friends gathered, the dance floor filled, and a good time continued to be enjoyed by all.

by Midn Scott Bartram and OC Martin Pedersen
1994 Battalion Fund Raiser

This year, the Battalion is holding two simultaneous drawings. The purpose of these drawings is to raise sufficient revenue to operate the Battalion without having to break our backs working in the rain and cold at a Christmas Tree Farm during dead and finals weeks. One event in particular that we are concentrating on is Northwest Navy. This year we are traveling to Idaho to take charge and remind all the other Universities that we indeed are the BEST IN THE WEST. As one can imagine, the cost of such event is very high. Thus the reason for two fund raising projects.

In the first drawing, we are offering the choice between a stainless steel Ruger 30-06 rifle, with Leupold VRX2 3X9 stainless scope and a double rifle case or $500 cash. Second prize will be $200 cash and Third prize will be $100 cash. All for an easy $1.00 donation.

The second drawing, also a $1.00 donation, is a weekend getaway ski trip to The Inn at the Seventh Mountain, located at Mt. Bachelor. This will be a coupon for a fireside romantic getaway cabin, with two adult ski lift tickets, and an early morning brunch. For those who don’t like to snow ski, the coupon is good for one year and may be used during the spring or can be upgraded if the winner so desires. These drawings are an excellent opportunity for the Battalion to make a substantial amount of money, and for our Midshipmen to show what kind of initiative and esprit de corps they have, by getting out and selling tickets (not to mention, the Battalion staff will award $50 to the Battalion member who sells the most tickets).

After the first weekend of easy sales, the Battalion made nearly $1100. This is primarily due to the superb efforts of Officer Candidate Fairchild, Midshipmen Plew, Starmer, and Weston. In one day they sold $509 dollars for the Battalion. BZ gentlemen! In addition, they had some excellent help that weekend by Midshipman Wagner, and Officer Candidates High, Craddock, Schulz, Sellers, and Creameans.

The Battalion staff has planned and organized numerous shows and events throughout the area. With just a little help and time from members of the Battalion, we should be able to raise sufficient funds to go and DOMINATE Northwest Navy. The drawing will be held at the Naval Armory on January 31, 1995.

by OC Martin Pedersen
Veteran’s Day

It was a crisp overcast day when the “Best of the West’s” Color Guard, Drum and Bugle Corps, and Drill Team took to the streets of Albany for the annual Veteran’s Day Parade. The brisk Arctic wind, threats of rain, and sheer cold could not squelch the enthusiasm and anticipation of the event marking the first milestone this year. For some, this was not the first Veteran’s Parade, but for many this was their first. Either way, it will not be forgotten.

Leading the battalion was Midshipman Captain Don Galyon followed by Midshipman Master Chief Petty Officer Banning who carried the unit guide-on. Not far behind, performing precision close order drill, was the Color Guard. Next in line was the Drum and Bugle Corps, who performed superbly setting the tempo throughout the parade route. Finally, the Drill Team continually impressed the crowd, especially when the Team meshed with D&B on a few occasions during the route.

Following the parade, we all gathered around the Linn County Courthouse steps for the moments during which a cannon slowly hammered out a twenty-one gun salute, speeches were given, and awards presented. Marking the end of the ceremony was the ceremonial twenty-one gun salute by the Drill Team and the playing of "Taps" by Midshipmen Funk and Carson. Moments like this only helped to reinforce how solemn this particular holiday is and always will be and also the patriotic feeling that comes from being a part of the tradition.

by OC A. Fitzpatrick
ALPHA COMPANY

Alpha Company is perhaps the most diverse company in the OSU NROTC battalion. The mission of Alpha Company ranges from planning and organizing Northwest Navy to competing in it with both the Rifle and Pistol Teams. Alpha Company first platoon (Weapons) is headed by Midn Murray and Midn Switzer. Throughout the year, the Pistol Team practices shooting slow, timed, and rapid fire and tests these skills while competing in the Willamette Valley Pistol League. Meanwhile, the Rifle Team learns and practices the various shooting positions the team uses while representing the unit along with the Pistol Team at Northwest Navy. Alpha Company second platoon (Special Operations) is lead by Midn Beaman and Midn Craddock. Spec Ops duties entail assisting the planning of unit functions such as the Birthday Ball, fund-raisers and Northwest Navy. In addition, Alpha Company is tasked with setting the standard at squad and platoon competitions. By looking at the trophy case, it is easy to see the success of Alpha Company in both unit drill and Northwest Navy Competitions.

by Midn Hills

BRAVO COMPANY

Bravo Company has been faced with a great challenge this year. The increased emphasis on academics has forced a decrease in the amount of traditional drill passed on to the new students. But even with all the restrictions, Bravo Company has once again excelled in every way.

Color Guard, commanded by Officer Candidate (OC) Rob Oberlander, has demonstrated flying “colors” in their duties including the Veteran’s Day Parade, and with the joint color guard at the Reserve Officer’s Association auction to support ROTC scholarships. The two riflemen, Midshipman (MIDN) Craig Hicks and OC Andrew Fitzpatrick have faithfully carried out the color guard motto to Guard with Honor the ensigns carried by OC Keith Buzalsky, OC Rick Potter, SSGT James Barklow and MIDN Traci Wagner.

MIDN Russ Buttram, Drill Team Commander, had great success with one of the largest “rookie” classes in recent years. Teaching rooks to drill like champions is an enormous task, and with guidance from experienced members such as MIDN Mike Hansen, Howard Jones, and Chris Faught, the team is well on their way to a victory in Idaho. If the entire team is as motivated as MIDN Matthew Smith, Cory Maukonen, and Mike Krisman, the Drill Team is bound to achieve their goal of complete dominance because Half Full Is Never Enough.

The Drum and Bugle Corps has taken on a new mission this year. As the only surviving ROTC D&B of the Pacific Northwest, they will not compete in Northwest Navy. Despite this, however, MIDN Rob Lippy has worked very hard to put together and outstanding group of musicians that provide performances for the unit and community throughout the year. This year’s freshman class proved to be quite gifted and with the talent of experienced players like MIDN Carl Guenther, Tim Sensabaugh, and Pat Funk, the band hasn’t missed a beat with the newcomers. With the hard work of MIDN Walter Weiss, Alan Sears, and John Robinson, and the rest of the freshmen, the band is bound to display Excellence in Execution and show off their great teamwork. All in all, Bravo Company has worked very hard this last term, and each individual has shown the rest of the battalion what dedication, determination and willingness to serve is all about. I encourage everyone to drive on and finish up this tour with diligence and enjoy the satisfaction of bringing home every single marching trophy from Northwest Navy.

by Midn Maver-Shue
H/S COMPANY

The headquarters and Service (H&S) company is composed of two separate platoons. They are the Public Affairs Office (PAO) and the Tutor platoon and their main objectives are to provide their services to the battalion in order to develop the battalion image in the public’s eyes.

The PAO platoon is responsible for photographing all major battalion events, submitting articles and photos to the Beaver yearbook, and publishing and editing the battalion’s quarterly newsletter known as the Riptide. They are led by Midshipman Brian Neal and Midshipmen Justin Jackson.

The Tutor platoon is responsible for providing battalion tutoring each school night during the term. They also provide tutoring on an individual basis when requested by a Midshipman or Officer Candidate. They have been instrumental in maintaining the high battalion grade point average by lending their abilities to their fellow shipmates. They are led by Officer Candidate Leonard Moravek.

by OC Odone

AVIATION CRUISE

An aviation cruise is unlike the rest. From day one you’re flying! It all starts with that initial flight to the command where you’re staying. For me, it was Norfolk, Virginia. After the initial four days of Midshipman limbo, and three squadrons later, I arrived at VRC-40, my new home for the next three weeks. I know you’re probably saying to yourself, “boy, those C-2’s are sure a great plane to get stuck on,” but in all actuality, they are! It’s not all just mail and passengers. The first few flights I went on were just BITS (Back In The Saddle) and FCLP (Field Carrier Landing Practice) flights. We also made two trips out to the carriers. One was to the Roosevelt and the other was to the Eisenhower. Then I had the opportunity to participate in a few paradrops with seal team 8. (Of course I didn’t get to jump, but I got to help push them out and bring in the static lines). The pilots of the C-2 Greyhounds are all jet and carrier landing qualified. They may not have to endure the rigors of pulling 5G’s (probably not even 3), but the 0100 brief for a take off at 0300 was a little early, even for a Midshipman used to early drills.

Last, but definitely not least, we flew down to Oceana for a photo shoot. This wasn’t your average photo shoot, however. This one was done at 185 knots and 9,000 feet over the Atlantic with a pair of F/A-18’s: We strapped on the gunner’s belts, sat on the ‘tailgate’ and shot pictures while the F/A-18’s flew formations and got up close and personal with the C-2 (I’m talking within 20 feet from coming in the cargo door!). Things pretty much wound down after that. I got a few more flights (stick time) and an hour of simulator time (the plane’s easier.)

Other than the actual flying, the squadron was a lot of fun to be a part of. At one time, the mascot was stolen (or ran away) and we always had a good laugh when we talked about the VAW chowderheads and their flyin’ Frisbees (sorry LT Gremmels). Cruise ended with a flight home and a long nap to lose the three hours I had gained. Having already decided that aviation was my preferred choice, this cruise definitely solidified my mind. FLY NAVY!!

by Midn Guenther
THE SUMMER WAY DOWN UNDER

This past summer Midshipman second class Patrick M. Funk, and Midshipman second class Russel P. Buttram spent their time in a place way under. No, not Australia. They found themselves, for two months, underwater aboard the USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735), a ballistic missile nuclear powered submarine. Midshipman Funk said of the summer excursion, "Not your typical way to spend a summer, but it provided an opportunity that I had never experienced."

While underway Funk and Buttram, spent their time in various tasks, and most importantly, working on finishing enlisted submarine qualifications, and the right to wear the "silver dolphins". Both were put on the watchbill, and stood six hour watches, with twelve hours of time between each watch. This time was used to sleep, read, study or watch movies, depending on how one chose to spend his time. Funk and Buttram both completed the submarine qualifications, and were honored in front of the entire crew, with a presentation of the dolphins, and the traditional "tacking-on" of the dolphins. "It was probably the biggest moment of my short life," Funk said. The Captain of the boat presented the dolphins and wrote letters of commendation to both Funk and Buttram.

Also on the cruise both qualified as helmsman/planesman, and this gave them the qualifications to drive the boat. Toward the end of the cruise the boat stopped for a two day port call in Port Canaveral, Florida, and for Funk and Buttram this was their first time in the south. Time was spent on the beach and swimming in the ocean, but mostly the two looked for hot country western dance spots. It was a great experience for both, but as Buttram said, "Next summer I'm going to see the sun!"

by Midn Patrick Funk