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Here they come, the pride of the Pacific Northwest, the Midshipmen of Oregon State University as seen on tour in San Antonio, story on page 8.

An example of the joy gained through professionalism as seen at a joint service event... More on page 8.
CO'S CORNER
CAPT H. M. Dyck
Professor of Naval Science

By any standard, this has been a very busy yet highly successful year for your NROTC unit. We have downsized properly, focused on academics with solid results, and through your leadership and initiative, will pass on a healthy budget to next year's Battalion staff.

The Fall term Battalion staff was given the task of reorganizing the size and shape of the now 100 student battalion. In addition they were charged with making it look more like a modern Navy/Marine Corps (or for that matter a joint) organization. Now we call the academics officer "N-2", and the operations officer "N-3", and so forth, just like the real world.

The Spring term staff continued our transition by integrating an Air Force ROTC cadet liaison officer into the battalion. This infused more "jointness" into our structure and training. In addition, they also introduced weapons into our drill periods. The end result - we now look a bit different than we did last year at this time, but it has increased our efficiency and our training considerably.

Your grades continue to excel. The Winter battalion GPA was 3.24 and has remained above the 3.0 goal for 14 terms in a row now. 32 of you made the honor roll with a GPA of 3.5 or better. This has been no easy accomplishment and places you well above both the Navy's national ROTC average as well as the University's undergraduate average. Since I set academics as my number one goal, this accomplishment is my favorite!

Unfortunately for me, this is my last CO's Corner in the Riptide. I will retire this Summer after 30 years of Navy service, and I can easily say that commanding this unit has been a highlight of my career. The reason is simple - the students. I have learned much more from you than I ever thought possible, and I am supremely confident in your abilities. I leave my Navy knowing that the next generation of leadership will not only properly carry on our long-lasting traditions, but will lead us into the next century, and beyond. You are all well in tune with my motto, KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY, SEEK LARGE TARGETS!

Captain Harry M. Dyck was born in Fresno, California, and graduated from California State University, Fresno. After receiving his Commission from Officer Candidate School, he was assigned as an instructor in the Nuclear Propulsion section of Machinist Mate School at Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

Captain Dyck's sea duty has included duty aboard USS TAYLOR (DD 468) as First Lieutenant and Navigator, USS BRUMBY (FF 1044) as Engineer Officer, Naval Advisory Group Vietnam as Riverine Force Advisor, USS COCHRANE (DDG 21) as Engineer Officer, USS OUELLET (FF1077) as Executive Officer, and a Scheduler on the staff of Commander, SEVENTH Fleet. Captain Dyck was the Commanding Officer of USS FANNING (FF 1076) and commanded Destroyer Squadron NINE from June 1988 to June 1990. Captain Dyck's last sea duty tour from July 1990 to October 1992 was Chief of Staff for Commander, Carrier Group Three homeported at NAS Alameda.

Captain Dyck's assignments ashore have included the Staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a Master's of Science degree in Environmental Science; the Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course; and Surface Anti-Submarine Warfare Branch Head for Director, research Development Test and Evaluation (OP-098).

Captain Dyck is authorized to wear the Legion of Merit (with Gold Star), Bronze Star Medal (with Combat "V"), Meritorious Service Medal (with three Gold Stars), Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy "E" Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal (with 1 bronze service star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with 1 Silver and 2 Bronze stars), Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (with 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Stars), Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal (First Class), Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry (with Palm), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation (with Palm), Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation (with Palm), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Expert Pistol Shot Ribbon.
MOI's Corner
Major Hough
Marine Officer Instructor

Summer training is rapidly approaching. For some of you this will be your first exposure to an operational unit. As with your responsibilities in the midshipmen battalion, your learning curve will be commensurate with the energy you expend. Make it an opportunity to learn. Build a solid foundation as a leader; be professional, mission oriented, and mentally tough. Ensure that you are the type of shipmate that would be considered a worthy recipient of Captain Dyck's award; a person that others would most like to have at their side when they go in harms way. There can be no higher compliment. Do not lose sight of your mission.

BNCO's Corner
Midn Capt H. D. Gori
Battalion Commanding Officer

Looking back at the past term, I am amazed at how many things the battalion has accomplished. Senior Mess Night was a smashing success, the marching teams shined in San Antonio, the Joint Service Review went off without a hitch. Platoon Competition showed off everyone's drilling skills, the battalion was impressive at Captain's Inspection, and a good time was had by all at the Ring Dance. All of these evolutions were planned and executed against the battalion's constant backdrop of academic excellence which makes them all the more impressive.

Looking back at my career in the Beaver Battalion, I have nothing but fond memories. The lessons that I have learned in leadership, discipline, dedication to duty, and integrity will serve me well for the rest of my life. But the real reasons for the fond memories are the people that make up the battalion. Working with them and observing them over the past four years have been very enriching experiences. I have learned a lot from my fellow battalion members, and I can only hope that I've been able to reciprocate in some small way. As the Navy and Marine Corps head into the future, I feel confident that the Ensigns and Second Lieutenants from Oregon State University will be leading the way.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE IN ALL THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!!!
Farewell to Captain Dyck

The Navy is bidding fair winds and following seas to someone who has served 30 years. A man who has served his country longer than many of us at the unit have been alive. Let's look at some of the events that have come to pass while Captain Dyck was on watch.

He was there at a time when the draft was needed to call men to arms in a conflict that many couldn't believe in. He was there to witness the many military build-ups and cuts as new Commanders in Chief were elected to our nation's highest office. And he was there when the unthinkable happened: an end to the Cold War, which could only have become a reality after years of strategic planning on our military's part to keep the pressure on. And through all of these events, the men and women of the naval service, like Captain Dyck, have remained dedicated and proud.

In the past 30 years technology has brought about change as well. Changes in the way we conduct business with electronic communications and satellites have changed important command information from short broken phrases to volumes of descriptive data in a "real-time" process where a war can be fought virtually from the Pentagon, much as we did in Desert Storm.

When asked what the Captain would like to pass on to future officers, in short, his response was "Training! The one thing that hasn't changed is the value of good training. I have heard people talk about our great machines of war and how we train, and the thought comes up: can we bring it all together when it's needed? Yes! I have seen how we can be most impressive. It's our training that pulls everything together when we are called upon." And we are in training now. As Captain Dyck points out, "In our Navy's future there will be fewer slots to fill and they will be high demand. Your academics are the key to that future."

OC K. Buzalsky
"Right shoulder, Arms!" For the first time in many years, rifles were incorporated in Platoon Competition. Held every spring term, this year's competition was more formal than in years past. Chairs were set aside for the observing staff members and the Colors decorated the drill deck. The Drill Team, Color Guard and Drum and Bugle Corps helped set up for the Platoon Competition and kept track of score sheets. The Drill Team doesn't compete here as they practice and compete throughout the year and would likely beat out the other platoons everytime, though the platoon commanders had the four competing platoons looking pretty sharp!

The four platoons in the competition are H/S 1, H/S 2, Alpha 1, and Alpha 2. Platoon Competition demonstrates each individual's pride and professionalism, which in turn reflects on the Platoon and ultimately the battalion as a whole. These qualities were evident from the score sheets. Only 2.9 points separated the first and fourth place competitors. The standings were as follows:

| First Place | H/S 2 |
| Second Place | H/S 1 |
| Third Place | Alpha 1 |
| Fourth Place | Alpha 2 |

All platoons performed well beyond expectations as the staff looked on attentively. Initially, there was a question as to how the incorporation of the rifle would affect performance. Judging by the scores, the rifle seems to have improved each platoon's performance in the drill phase and perhaps even instilled a level of professional pride that carried over into the inspection phase. The MOI and AMOI were quite impressed with how well the platoons performed with the rifles. All should be proud of their performance. It is not about who wins as much as it is about performing your personal best. This contributes to the platoon which contributes to the battalion. The performance at Platoon Competition truly enabled the Midshipmen Battalion to shine. You are all WINNERS!

OC S. Khemalaap
Joint operations between the services was once a wave of the future. But at OSU it has arrived. And what better way to exemplify this wave than with the Joint Service Review. A person can not really appreciate the time and effort put into this event until they have reached the level of the responsibility of a Company Commander. Here, one sees all of the required actions come into place.

What spectators do not see are the required steps that take place prior to the big event. First, all key personnel meet to review the script. As a key person, you need to have some direction before you start practicing. Next, the key personnel come together for the required practices. The success of these practices is crucial to the success of the entire JSR. The final practice is when all the respective battalions and squads act as one synchronous unit. I felt pride in the fact that I was part of this eventually well-oiled machine.

Finally, the day arrives when you show your friends and relatives what you can do. You put all other things aside so that you can concentrate on the task at hand. One obstacle that I and everyone else had to deal with was the rain. In Oregon, you normally plan for the rain, but the days prior to the JSR had been nice. We all gave a peak performance despite the weather conditions. My wife attended the JSR and said it was an awesome event to watch.

Following the JSR, the Air Force ROTC hosted a barbecue at Avery Park. This barbecue went on as scheduled despite the weather. Those who were able to attend had a chance to see the services mingle and relax after the JSR. The barbecue was a nice way to end a successful joint operation.

OC G. Schulz
Battle of the Flowers

On 21 APR 94, 40 members of the OSU NROTCU and 10 members of the AFROTCU flew down to San Antonio, Texas to participate in the "Battle of Flowers" parade.

Many people lined the streets to watch the parade kick off the annual event of "Fiesta San Antonio." Our group headed the parade in the Vanguard. The many participants in the festival included local high school and college marching bands, as well as various merchants from the San Antonio area.

As we marched through the three mile parade route the battalion endured the rising heat and soaring humidity inherent to an April day in Texas. The parade route took the battalion on a journey through Old San Antonio and featured a pass-in-review at the Alamo.

After the parade, members of the battalion headed off to the famous "River-Walk" in old downtown San Antonio to take in the nightly festivities that accompany the annual event. There was much to enjoy, such as the carnival, the nightlife and the IMAX Theater with its six story screen and, combined with the beautiful weather, it made for a most unforgettable and well-deserved trip—not to mention that extra day layover courtesy of NALO having to respond to a higher priority flight request. Bummer? . . . NOT!

Midn B. Neal
Mom's Weekend

Did you happen to notice that, according to Hallmark, dads get Father's Day, and moms get Mom's Week? Go figure. But, at OSU both are given a weekend to visit campus and see what kind of education, college activities and . . . food (they have to eat too) their hard-earned paychecks are providing for their sons and daughters. Mom's Weekend 1994 took place on 30 April and 1 May and several Midshipmen treated the moms to a reception at the unit followed by exhibition performances from the Drill Team and Drum and Bugle Corps. Though the audience was pretty small, the performances were pretty big and the participants did their part to assure the moms (and the dads who got the show last term) that if their sons or daughters are part of the NROTC battalion, the cause they contribute to is much more than a quality education, activities and food. BRAVO ZULU to those who gave up part of their Saturday. The mom's smiles suggested it was much appreciated.

LT' K. Fuller
Summer Cruise

Once again it's time for the Summer cruises. This Summer we have 36 Midshipmen including 2 Marine Options that will be participating with the fleet in a variety of activities from duty aboard aircraft carriers and submarines, to an opportunity for one midshipman to serve with the French Navy.

The concept of the training is to further Midshipmen development. Summer cruise training is an essential adjunct to the professional development of midshipmen because it is the primary tool for accomplishing much of the practical training which supplements and reinforces academic year instruction. Consequently, the goals and objectives for Summer training are ambitious, but all are vital to the development of professional competencies within these future naval officers.

In the past, cruise experiences in support of USNA/NROTC training and education objectives have varied depending on operating tempos, fleet exercises, availability of training services, maintenance and even weather factors. However, cruise successes in the eyes of the midshipmen have been linked consistently with the innovations and initiatives of individual units regardless of the command's mission or schedule.

The midshipmen will be evaluated on their professional competencies. Post-cruise evaluations will measure the efficiency of Summer cruise training in the accomplishment of those competencies, both from the command's perspective with a performance appraisal and from the midshipman's perspective with an evaluation form he or she sends to CNET. Command evaluations provide important data on an individual's progress toward obtaining a commission in the Naval service, and individual evaluations let CNET know what improvements can be made to enhance the effectiveness of summer training.

Some specific goals of the shipboard training are as follows:
- To familiarize midshipmen with the duties and responsibilities of the bridge watch stations.
- On submarines, to be familiar with the helmsmen/planesmen, messenger of the watch, lookout.
- On submarines, to qualify as Basic Submarine Officer, Battery Charging Line up Officer, and Division Officer of the Watch.
- To be familiar with inport/at sea watch stations/watchstanding duties of a Division Officer.
- To be familiar with duties and responsibilities of a Division Officer on board ship, sub, or at a squadron.

QMC J. Dawley
Sail Training

As the Spring term comes to a close, sailing season is upon us again. The Junior Navy Option students are ending the month-long classroom phase of sail training with some hands-on experience at Fernridge Reservoir. With the assistance of Midn 1/C Chris Barber and Midn 1/C Sean Robinson, QMC Dawley and LT Thomas have been taking the students out on weekends to test their skills with the unit’s five Laser sailboats. Despite cold water and temperamental winds, the students have been plying the waters to develop the skills necessary to become "Skipper B" qualified.

Sailing is a skill traditionally expected of a well rounded Naval Officer. Each student is required to be familiar with the rules of the road, pass a written exam, and demonstrate basic sailing skills as part of the requirements for commissioning. Intimidated at first, the students quickly find sail training an enjoyable break from their normal studies.

LT J. Thomas
**SPRING 94**

**ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL**

Winter Term, 1994 Unit GPA: 3.24

The following is a list of the individuals who have achieved University Honor Roll status during the academic year. They have not only displayed the dedication and perseverance it takes to achieve academic excellence, but have also helped to propel the Oregon state NROTC to the forefront of NROTC Units nationwide in terms of overall Grade Point Average.

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