

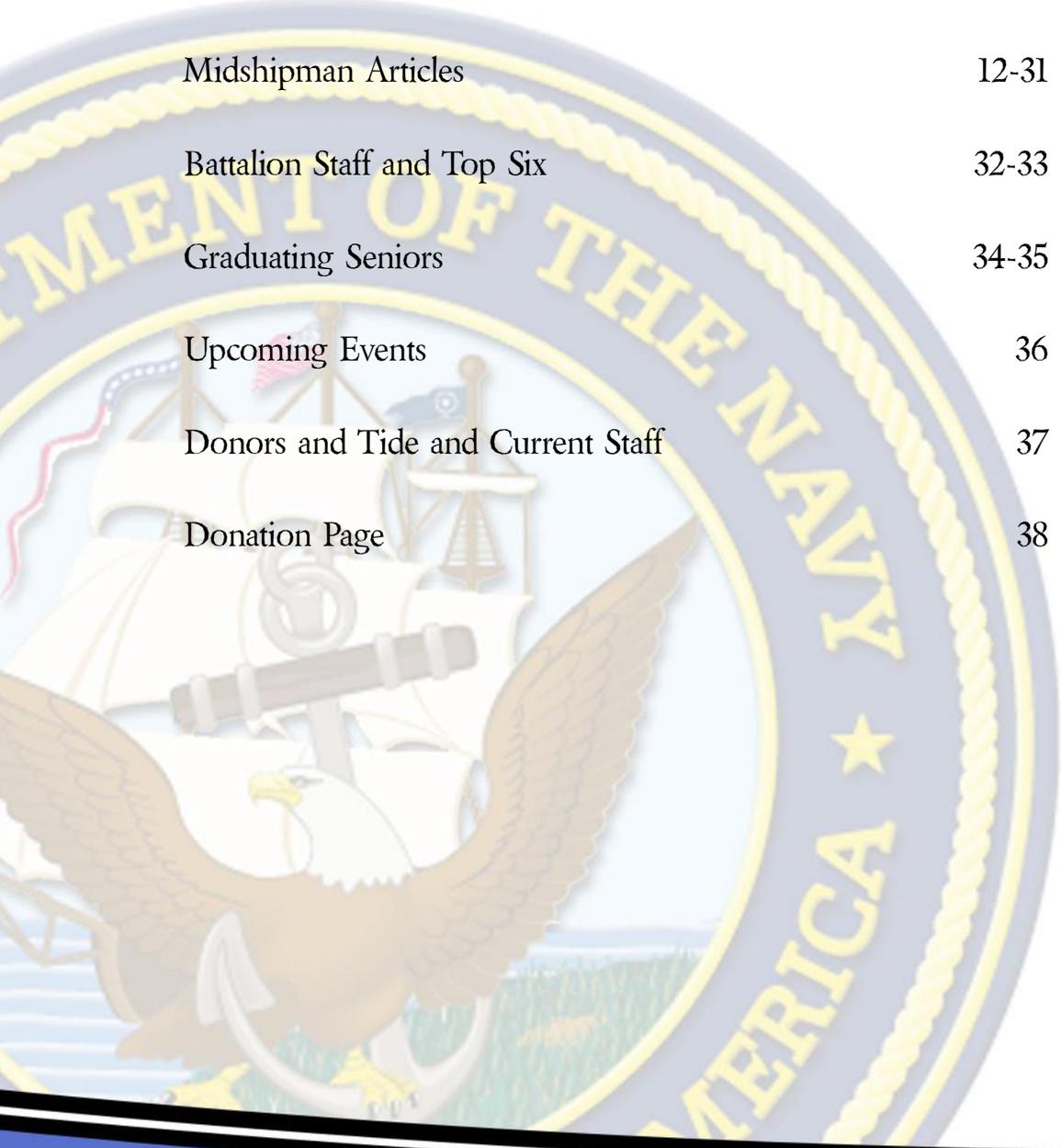
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The UNL-NROTC Mission

To develop Midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically, and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty in order to commission graduates as officers who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the naval service, and have a potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government.



A Message from the Commanding Officer

Captain's Corner

By Captain Richard Thomas

It is "summer" here in Lincoln. That of course means we have many of our Midshipmen off participating in their summer training, taking summer classes, and enjoying time with friends and family. Meanwhile, our staff is preparing for our incoming batch of freshmen who will be here before we know it.

I want to congratulate our 10 new officers who we commissioned on 10 May. I wish Second Lieutenants Muller, Mar and Wilcox, and Ensigns Cleaveland, Harrington, Koch, Larson, Snow, Svoboda and Walter all the best as they embark on their careers in the Navy and Maine Corps. I am sure there are at least a few future flag officers amongst them to carry on the proud Husker NROTC

tradition of producing Naval flag officers.



I want to take this opportunity to wish a Fair Winds and Following Seas to LT Scott Pastell and his family. LT Pastell is leaving the Navy at the end of June to pursue other opportunities, and we thank him for his unselfish service to our Navy and UNL NROTC.

We proudly hosted Rear Admiral Scott Jerabek, UNL Class of 84, as our commissioning officer and guest speaker. It was a pleasure to have him back here and to be able to have him meet our outstanding midshipmen.

Please enjoy your summer, get the most out of your summer training, and be safe. I look forward to this upcoming academic year and watching our battalion surpass the accomplishments of last year. Go Big Red!

A Message from the Executive Officer

Never Stop Learning...or Leading

By Commander Mark Stearns

It's hard to believe, the school year is coming to an end already. The spring semester has absolutely flown by. Congratulations to our graduating Seniors! They are off to the Fleet in various capacities and will represent our unit in fine, BIG RED fashion! For the remainder of the unit, the summer offers the promise of some down time.

I encourage all of you to take advantage of the summer and maximize the training opportunities available. You **must** be a proactive! What you "get out" of your summer will be dependent upon what you "put into" it. Whether participating in one of the summer training cruises / programs or at home with friends and family. Consciously work to continue your professional development. Take advantage of the down time to read and analyze



the leadership examples around you. Leadership lessons abound, even for those just working a summer job. Be observant and critically think about the leadership examples you see around you. If you "put in" conscious effort, then I am confident that your summer will result in a rewarding professional and personal growth experience.

Remember, serving in our Nation's military is a lifestyle – it doesn't change over the weekend, when you are on Summer Break, in a leave status, or enjoying a foreign port. We are all representatives of the United States Navy and our Nation every single day, no exceptions. Be proud, be professional, stay engaged and enjoy your summer!

A Message from the Naval Officer Instructor

The Benefit of Failure

By Lieutenant Alex Oldenkamp

In my short tenure at the University of Nebraska I have seen six Performance Review Boards in five months. I've seen academic reports burgeoning with multiple red and yellow zone grades from almost half the battalion. In the fleet, I've seen people in front of the green tablecloth of a Captain's Mast in the privacy of the wardroom and publicly on the pier. I have denied young sailors their dolphins due to various deficiencies in knowledge and overall poor performance. All of this struggle, all of these perceived shortcomings are all too common in life, yet rarely do I see a failure. An excerpt from *Invictus*:

*In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning's of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.*

-William Earnest Henley

In your career, you will fall short. You will miss deadlines and you will make mistakes. Though the consequences of your actions may seem severe at the time,

any trespass will eventually be forgiven. Do not be ashamed to take responsibility for your errors, embrace them as a chance to change your character; if you hide your mistakes, no one else can learn from them. Know

that though you may have had problems in the past, you have grown as a person from each bad experience. Understand the root cause for whatever the problem was. This is the hardest part for it takes keen introspection and self-awareness. Then, ensure you never fall down the same path. Continuous self-assessment is an invaluable trait for any Navy or Marine Corps officer. It allows them to realize the problem before it arises. Anticipate problems and act before they grow into a monster. The only way to gain that ability is through your

own trials and tribulations and learning from the mistakes of others. Never allow past mistakes to hinder your future actions. If nothing else, remember this, the only time you have ever failed is when you fall and refuse to get back up.



A Message from the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor

Time Management

By Master Sergeant Adam Criswell

Time management is the key to a successful four years here at the University of Nebraska Naval Reserve Officer Training. Balancing your time between attending classes, studying, physical training, and all other battalion scheduled events is an arduous task but it is not impossible. It is most often through hardship and necessity that the skill of time management is developed. As a future leader of Marines and Sailors, you will be responsible for ensuring that your unit is operating efficiently and productively. Effective time management increases productivity.

There are tools that you can put into practice to help you become efficient in managing your time: Don't procrastinate; delaying a task most often leads to poor performance. Be organized and plan. Plan early, plan twice. Set long term goals as well as short term ones. Think about your goals for each day and those upcoming, and then prioritize in order to accomplish those goals.

Finally, as you head into the summer months remember to use your down time wisely. Reward yourself for the objectives that you accomplished this year. Reflect on what you could have done better and how you can improve in the future. Remember you are the future. The legacy and honor of our corps depends upon it. Semper-Fidelis.



A Message from the Marine Officer Instructor

Study, Move and Communicate

By Captain Adam Trout

My good friend “Gangsta” would always say that the main things to focus on in a flight brief were “Shoot, move and communicate.” His take was that if you answered those three things you would always be fine on your brief because those are the three most difficult things to do and to do well during a flight. Obviously we are not going to be shooting on a college campus so I believe the saying has to change a little but is still applicable.



tively you need to use some strategy. Some elements of the strategy are simple, remove

distractions, get comfortable, have some water so you don't need to get up right away. The more intricate parts of studying strategy are not quite so obvious. Some ideas are, don't start with your most interesting subject, it is easy to spend more time than you wanted to on subjects that are very interesting to you. If you start with what you want to do least by the time you get it

Study: I hope all the Midshipmen have realized by now that this is the most important thing in their life right now. What I think many have not realized is that studying is not as easy as just having the book open while you watch “Dexter” and mow down on some pizza. In order to study effec-

done you likely will want to quit for the night, but having the material you are interested in waiting for you should help give you motivation to keep going. There are lots of different ways to study effectively and it is a highly personal experience so it is difficult for others to tell you

to study effectively and it is a highly personal experience so it is difficult for others to tell you what works, but I encourage you to find what works and stick to it. More importantly perhaps, if what you've been doing isn't working then you need to change it. Don't allow yourself to be stuck in a studying rut just because it's what you've always done.

Move: This is a slightly different move than "Gangsta" would talk about. The move I'm referring to here is moving your body. Our Midshipmen showed during the Great Plains competition that as a group we can more than hold our own with other units around the country. However, that does not mean we should rest on our laurels. It also doesn't mean that everyone is where they need to be. For those of us in the unit that have significant room for improvement, it is imperative that we make the most of the summer months. It should be the easiest time of the year to get out and be active, however for many of you it is also the time of the year when you work the most and have the least free time. I assure you that I am familiar with the challenge of trying to get your PT in when you are exhausted and just want to go to sleep or maybe just enjoy a nice frosty beverage after a long hot day in the salt mine and call it a day. If you do not find the time to work out over the summer you will come back next fall disappointed in your physical state and your performance. My advice is to try to stick to the morning workouts we had going all year long. If you can stick to a similar schedule it will help you get a strong start on the day and will set you up to stay productive throughout the day. I'm always a

huge fan of turning whatever transit time you have into PT time. I try to make it a rule to not drive anywhere within two miles of my house. Get out, walk, run, bike, elliptigo, bear crawl or crab walk to the corner store to pick up your pizza rolls, ramen, jalapeno Cheetos, ice cream or whatever your splurge is. It will help you feel at least a little bit better about the 1600 calories you just stuffed in your face.

Communicate: This is where I think we as a unit have the most room for improvement. It has been eye-opening to me to see how difficult communication can be, especially when it comes to communications between students and top-side staff and vice versa. There are some key communications mantras to keep in mind that will serve you well throughout your time in the military. The first is, never be the senior person with a secret. This can be applied in the example of failing a test. If Midshipman Umptifratz fails the reverse knot test which is required to continue in underwater basket weaving then Umptifratz needs to talk to his academic advisor, see if there is any recourse. Then he needs to see his military advisor and let him know he is having trouble in a course. This is not just because we want to make Umptifratz feel bad that he can't tie a reverse knot, this is so when Umptifratz comes to us requesting to drop the class six hours before the deadline to drop classes, we don't have to waste time trying to build our situational awareness or having to build the CO's before he can approve Umptifratz to drop the class. Keep in mind that it is a ROD requirement to get approval from the command PRIOR to dropping any classes and that you are required to maintain

12 credit hours exclusive of NAVS classes. Another way to phrase the same sentiment is the question, “what do I know and who needs to know it?” If Umptifratz had asked himself this simple question in the scenario above he quickly would have realized he needs to let his military advisor know about the situation.

A goal in your professional communications should be to clearly explain any situation you need to convey and to set expectations of those you interact with. If you cannot clearly explain your point it doesn't matter what you wanted to accomplish because no one will be able to follow your point to know how to accomplish your intent. Also if you do not set expectations, your subordinates may do exactly what they think you wanted but it could still not meet you expectations. An example of this would be clearly explaining what the Great Plains field meet is to Umptifratz but not letting him know what his role in the meet is. Then when he sets up the obstacle course when he was supposed to be a lifeguard, it is actually you who has failed because you didn't set the expectations for him. Conversely if you clearly tell him that he needs to be a lifeguard and what his duties as lifeguard are but fail to give him the context of the great plains field meet he may show up with the wrong gear or at the wrong time because he did not understand the context in which he was acting as lifeguard. It is the same in our day to day interactions and it is a two way street. If I tell Umptifratz that I need him to get back to me by Wednesday on something and he can not meet that deadline then he needs to let me know that and make me understand why he can

not accomplish the task in the given amount of time. Conversely if I tell Umptifratz that I need his degree completion plan but don't tell him when I need it by then I have failed. It is imperative that as a future officer in the naval services you establish a good two way communication path with both your superiors and your subordinates.





MSGT Criswell teaches the midshipmen the importance of weapons safety.



Midshipmen during Navy Operations



Practice made perfect when the Platoon Drill marched their way to victory in the Great Planes Competition.

Word from the Midshipman Battalion Commander

Pride in his Battalion

By Midshipman I/C Brown

As the spring semester draws to a close and the midshipman battalion begins to make preparations for the coming summer months, we take this time to reflect on the many positive events and lessons learned this past semester. As I stepped into the position of Battalion Commander this last January, I expected many leadership trials and challenges. I expected early mornings that always came just a bit too soon and long nights spent making sure everything was ship shape for the day ahead. However, while all those things certainly came true (and more!), I did not expect just how much pride would swell in my heart every time the UNL NROTC program was represented well through its actions and the actions of its individuals. Watching the midshipman grow within the battalion has been an immensely pleasing experience, and one that has repeatedly reminded me time and time again how much I still have yet to learn.

Between the early morning trail runs, the drill competitions on Tom Osborne Field, and the many hours spent studying Naval Science in the

classrooms, it is easy to see how hard each and every midshipman has worked this semester. From sending midshipman off to the halls of Notre Dame for the annual Leadership Conference, to inviting schools to the UNL Campus for the 2nd Annual Great Plains Competition, many hours were spent by the midshipman honing their skills and preparing for events. Even with these extra activities the midshipman have taken all of this in stride, while still keeping a keen eye on personal academics, fitness, and leadership. Most college students have a hard enough time keeping up with just a few

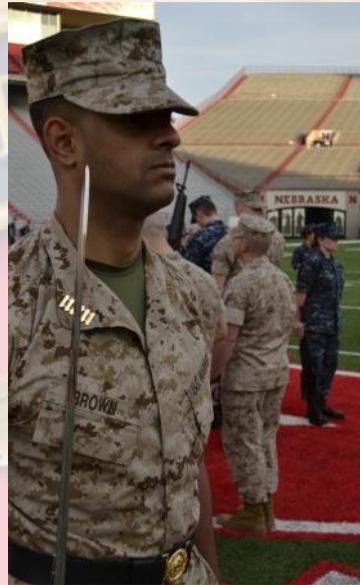


classes each semester and I am constantly impressed by the ability of the midshipman to perform this balancing act with great success. There is no doubt in my mind that the midshipman battalion is full of young men and women a cut above the rest.

It is with great relief that through all this, I was able to rely on the impeccable resolve of my staff to accomplish any and all tasks that stood before us. Supervised by my executive officer, Midshipman 1/C Cleaveland, countless meetings were held and dinners attended in order to ensure that the battal-

ion was running smoothly. Additionally, Operations Officer Midshipman 2/C Vonderohe and Administrative Officer Midshipman 2/C Sheets went above and beyond to organize each event and keep track of the individuals involved. Further, Battalion Commanders Midshipman 2/C Selberg and Midshipman 3/C McMullen were in the trenches with the midshipman themselves, making sure all needs were taken care of and problems remedied. I take this time to recognize this young staff for their endurance this semester and willingness to perform.

In closing, as we make arrangements to send off both our senior graduates and our Midshipman slated for summer training, we remember the overall reason as to why we are here. To the graduating seniors that leave us to do bigger and better things in the fleet, we salute you (quite literally), and look forward to serving by your side very soon. To those who remain, you stay with family, and I am positive that you will continue to shine on campus as leaders, scholars, and athletes. The NROTC program exists in order to commission America's best young men and women into the world's finest Navy and Marine Corps; The University of Nebraska-Lincoln continues a long tradition of doing a damn fine job of it.



Word from a Graduating 1/C Midshipman

The Journey Begins

By Ensign Cleaveland

On May 10th, 2014, nine Midshipmen and Sgt Muller will take the Oath of Office and transition to life as Commissioned Officers of the United States Navy or Marine Corps. From the University of Nebraska we will each embark upon the next chapter of our careers in our respective fields of military service. Although I cannot attest to the personal experiences each of us has had, I have been asked to share a reflection of my time here and my next step.

During my time in NROTC, I have been extremely fortunate to have been taught by some great leaders and great Americans. I know I speak for my classmates when I say the good times are just as numerous as the not so good, but overall, I can state with confidence that the academic education and military training we have received here is outstanding; to the extent that most of us have related to each other at some point or another that we feel as prepared as we could be to join the fleet. From the

professors of naval science to academic professors and advisors, I feel fortunate to have been a part of it all and to have had such great mentors and teachers.



From the first time I sat behind the controls of an airplane several years ago, I have looked forward to the challenge of earning a commission as a naval officer and attending flight school. Just two weeks following my graduation and commissioning, I will report to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, where I will undergo training as a student naval aviator. I have had outstanding guidance from my mentors in NROTC as well as from the university and members of other organizations to achieve my goals, and I have made some great friends in the process.



As Executive Officer of the Battalion, MIDN 1/C Cleveland thanks the Commander of the USS Nebraska for coming in to share his knowledge and experiences.



MIDN 1/C Cleveland practices assembling weapons with the Marine Option Midshipmen.



MIDN 4/C Quan, MIDN 3/C Marsolek, MIDN 3/C Lane, and MIDN 1/C Klein at the Notre Dame Leadership Conference.



“You are Tomorrow, You are the Navy”

By Midshipman 4/C Quan

For the past eighteen years, the Notre Dame NROTC hosts a weekend of symposiums geared toward enhancing the leadership abilities of the future officers of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. It gives midshipmen from around the country the opportunity to step outside the classroom and hear from successful leaders in both military and civilian communities. This year, the University of Nebraska sent four midshipmen to represent our unit and bring back valuable knowledge to spread among their peers here in Lincoln.



This year's theme for the conference was "Military Leadership and Contemporary Issues." A main focus was cyber warfare and the technological advances that the Navy and Marine Corps are seeing today. The leadership conference started Thursday night with team building exercises and ice-breaker so that we were able to have social time with the midshipmen from across the country. With an early morning start the next day it kicked off with our first speaker, ADM John M. Richardson, Director of Naval Reactors who spoke about character. Afterwards, we moved into what was called Ethical Decision Games, where groups of midshipmen were given real life situations and were asked what

they would do in those specific instances. One of the most notable speakers was Sergeant Major Bradley Trudell (Ret.) who spoke about his three purposes of leadership.

The following day was the final three symposiums and a panel discussion led by Major Schiller, MOI of Notre Dame. The focus of the panel was cyber warfare vs. kinetic warfare, which had a lasting impact on the midshipmen. The panelists were some of the brightest minds on upcoming cyber technology and modern day hacking. The weekend concluded with a keynote address from VADM John Bird, Senior Vice

President of Military Affairs (USAA). A reoccurring topic was that of learning your job and that you are only in control of how you perform. Also learning from your mistakes and that you need to enforce that among your Sailors and Marines but you also need to talk to them, friendly but not over familiar.

Having the chance to attend this leadership conference and being able to meet midshipmen from all over was an extraordinary experience. Overall the 2014 Notre Dame Leadership conference was an awe-inspiring experience that instilled a vast array of knowledge on us that will assist us well into our careers.

Battalion Inspection

Pride in the Uniform

By Midshipman 4/C Love

Inspections are vital to the functionality of any unit. Wearing the uniform is not just something you do because you are part of the military, but something you should take pride in. People look to you when you are in uniform, and each one of us who wears it needs to have personal pride in wearing the uniform. An inspection creates personal pride. It makes the individual putting on the uniform try their very hardest to make that uniform perfect/ strive for perfection. Inspections also create unity in the unit. A squad leader helps their people by insuring they understand what they must do to make their uniform look its best, and the platoon commander ensures that the squad leader is doing their job. Inspections are important because they create unity in a unit and also self-pride in wearing the uniform.

At the beginning of each inspection, we form up in two platoons, Alpha and Bravo. In each



platoon there are two squads, the first element in each squad is the squad leader. Before the inspection begins the platoons are called to attention. The first to be inspected is the platoon commander, who then proceeds to inspect the rest of his platoon. When the platoon commander reaches you in the inspection, you salute, give him the proper greeting of the day, state your name, and then that you are ready for inspection. Once he drops his salute he will look over every inch of your uniform, telling you what you have done wrong. Also, while looking over you uniform he will ask questions about general knowledge that each individual is expected to memorize from the keel. Once you have answered all of his questions, you once again salute him and give the proper greeting of the day. You proceed to stand at attention until the squad leader commands the squad to stand at parade rest or until you are dismissed by the Midshipman commanding officer.



MSGT Criswell makes sure the Midshipmen's uniforms are squared away.



Company Commanders inspect their people and test their Navy knowledge.





The 2/C Midshipmen are ready for the fun night ahead



Commander Stearns talks with the Midshipmen before Mess Night begins.



The 4/C Midshipmen have no idea what to expect from Mess Night.



Mess Night

Learning to Laugh at Yourself

By Midshipman 2/C Berg

During the spring semester and another rigorous academic year at the university, the commanding officer, Captain Thomas, had the pleasure of hosting a dinner on a certain Friday night for special guests, staff, and midshipmen. This fun-filled evening, commonly referred within the fleet as “Dining In” or “Mess Night,” is a time-honored tradition of the Naval and Marine service. Dinner dress uniforms are worn; cocktail hour begins; friends are found; guests are seated; a fine meal is served; and toasts are made to the United States, to her armed forces and the excellent men and women who have given their effort and lives for the country. Then the real fun begins with a time for midshipmen and the active-duty staff to throw jokes around and laugh about some of the more humorous moments that have happened throughout the year. A wonderful time is had by all and memories are made.

Mess Night is an opportune time in all



midshipmen’s development at the University to observe a lighter side of the fleet apart from the instructional-heavy knowledge and leadership wisdom they are being taught on a daily basis. It is a chance to get them to leave the training environment and have an exceptionally good time with their mentors. Mess night reminds midshipmen that there is always a time and place to loosen up and enjoy themselves, just as there is a time to put one’s nose to the grindstone, so to speak, and work hard to accomplish a mission. In all, it is a motivating evening and makes them look forward to the fleet.

Hoo-ya, shipmates! And remember, fly Navy!



MIDN 4/C Brake smiles as he finishes assembling his weapon correctly.



MIDN 4/C Love learns how to assemble weapons with her Midshipman mentor.



Midshipmen excitedly get to try their hand at an unloaded 50 caliber machine gun.



Weapons Handling Lab

“This is my Rifle”

By Midshipman 4/C Brake

A typical Naval Lab consists of Midshipmen learning about various topics pertinent to the Battalion and the Navy. This includes power points over various Battalion related activities, SAPER briefs, and short videos about life in the Navy. Lab is also a time where Top Side staff has the opportunity to teach the Battalion as a whole. This can be very beneficial to our future because what is being learned is coming straight from Navy officers and Marines. A few Labs ago we had the opportunity to do something different, but just as beneficial to our future as naval officers.

For the lab the Battalion traveled to a local National Guard base where we were able to handle weapon systems used by the Navy and Marine Corps. We were able to handle the weapons and take them apart while learning about how they



worked as well as how to assemble them. A few of the weapons we were able to handle were the Mk 40 grenade launcher, M2 50 caliber machine gun and M16. There were also various side arms.

As a Marine option the experience was very beneficial to my future as a Marine Officer. The weapons we worked with are used in the Marine Corps and I, or the Marines under me will be using them. It is important for me as a future officer to be able to effectively use and handle the weapon systems used by my Marines. I am expected to know how to assemble, clean, and maintain all the weapons that the Marines under me use and operate. The lab was a great way for me to begin to gain an understanding of these weapons and I am excited to learn more in the future.



MIDN 2/C Selberg calls her Platoon to Order Arms.



Color Guard stand proud in the middle of Memorial Stadium.



Platoon Drill waits patiently to be called to attention.



MIDN 4/C Quan Is inspected.

GPNC Drill Competition

Practice Makes Perfect

By Midshipman 2/C Alyssa Selberg

On the second weekend of April 2014, UNL NROTC hosted the Great Plains Drill Meet. A major segment of this competition included three drill events. These events consisted of Platoon Drill, Squad Drill, and Color Guard. These events took place on a thrilling, windy Saturday morning inside Memorial Stadium. As each of the competing schools: Nebraska, Iowa State, Minnesota, and Kansas State, rotated to their turn, the others all moved to the corners to work on any last minute corrections.

As the unit leader of Platoon Drill I was able to attend the many practices and watch the progression of each unit. Each week the Drill teams formed for two hours of practice. Platoon in particular improved dramatically, beginning with



standing manual and basic marching movements, advancing into the coordinated movements of the drill card with the M16. I am excited to say that Nebraska thrived in the Drill events. Platoon Drill and Color Guard walked away with first place for Nebraska. Platoon Drill really impressed me. We had some shaky practices, but when it came down to it, everyone was locked on and performed their best. Color Guard did phenomenal. As they were standing in the center of the field, all of the spectators and judges could see the flags just whipping about them, and yet they stayed on track and finished strong! The Drill teams did very well, and I am sure

GPNC Rifle/Pistol Competition

Ready, Aim, Fire

By Midshipman 3/C Washa

This year in the Great Plains NROTC Drill Competition, the Rifle Pistol Team came into the meet with 6 shooters competing and walked away as champions of the rifle portion, with Kansas winning the pistol shoot. Other competing schools included the University of Minnesota and Iowa State. The range was set up so that there were two schools inside the range at one time. Four shooters for each school were allowed in the range at any given time. One side would shoot rifles while the opposite side shot pistol. UNL started the meet as the first team to shoot pistol. Shooters included two sophomores, MIDN Washa and MIDN Lane, alongside two freshmen, MIDN Brake and MIDN Cooper. A total of 12 targets at 50 feet were displayed for each shooter. AMOI MSgt Criswell, had prepared the shooters very well from practice and getting the weapons sighted in and each shooter comfortable with their .22 caliber rifle. At the end of the day, UNL would leave, winning the rifle shoot.



The NROTC pistol shooters also had an excellent day of shooting, falling just short to Kansas. The team adjusted smoothly from rifle to pistol after a short break. Displaying one larger target at

25 feet, the chosen shooters for this portion included MIDN Cleaveland, MIDN Washa, MIDN Quan, and MIDN Cooper. The pistol portion involved two different increments. The first portion, shooters were given 12 minutes to fire two magazines of 5 rounds. The second portion was rapid fire, where shooters are given 20 seconds to fire ten rounds, forcing them to move quickly dropping their first magazine and reload.

Commanding Officer of the Rifle/Pistol Team, MIDN Washa said he was “very proud of the team as a whole. I believe that is the best shooting we have done all year, and we chose the right time to bring our A game.” Overall, the UNL team was very happy with how they performed that day, and would eventually go on to with the entire drill competition.



MIDN 3/C Washa, MIDN 4/C Quan, and MIDN 1/C Cleaveland get ready for the rapid fire portion of the Pistol Competition.



MSGT Criswell gives some advice to MIDN 2/C Selberg.



MIDN 1/C Cleaveland squares up for the Pistol Competition..



The Midshipmen give it their all in the Endurance portion of the Great Planes Competition.



The Izzy-Dizzy Competition never fails to throw the Midshipmen for a loop.



MIDN 1/C Wilcox holds his own in the Tug of War Competition.



GPNC Endurance Competition

Bringing it home

By Midshipman 3/C Washa

Winning the endurance portion of the Great Plains Drill Meet, the UNL NROTC showed how much payoff their physical training has done. Out of the battalion, approximately 20 midshipmen competed for UNL in a variety of events. Conveniently enough, each competition the midshipmen competed in, it was obvious to see that the competitors were very ready for their events and had some form of practice at it before.



To start the endurance portion of the meet, the schools were taken over to Mable Lee Fields to begin the workouts. Four midshipmen were tested in strength to see how many pull ups they could knock out. With the schools doing almost all the same amount of pull-ups, excitement built thinking about who would win the coming events. Next, midshipmen attempted to do as many log sit-ups as they could within a 2-minute window. This was UNL's toughest event. After log sit-ups came the stretcher relay. Five midshipmen from each school had to construct a stretcher using their blouses and carry a teammate around two soccer fields. Two teammates carried the "injured" person while the other two carried ammo cans and rifles. UNL dominated the event, finishing well over

25 yards ahead of the next schools. To ease the competitive edge, Izzy Dizzy, a race where students spin around a bat and have to run 20 yards dizzy and tag the next person. After, the students challenged each other in Tug-of-War. UNL managed to edge the other schools and have a comfortable lead heading into the obstacle course section. The obstacle course was a mile and a half run with various stations where the midshipmen would stop and do certain exercises. UNL would go on to win this and the 500-meter swim at the Devaney Center with comfortable leads.

At the conclusion of all the events it was easy to see that UNL was the dominant winners of the endurance competition. It was not very surprising to the UNL midshipmen with their performance. They work very hard in the mornings during their workouts and had a good reputation for being very well fit. The endurance competition was a good boost for the team and would help propel them to declare overall champions of the entire drill meet.

Chancellor's Review

Hard Work Pays Off

By Midshipman 3/C McMullen

Spring time brings a large amount of joys to college students. Better weather, the joy of wearing shorts again, and for the ROTC students, the Chancellor's Review. The Chancellor's Review is an opportunity for the ROTC students to be recognized for the large amount of effort and hard work that they have put in throughout the entire school year. Scholarships and awards are given to a select amount of cadets and midshipman based on the criteria from leadership to academic excellence.

The Chancellor's Review does live up to its name with the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Harvey Pearlman, doing the review and speaking to the cadets and midshipman. Chancellor Pearlman's remarks thanked the cadets and midshipmen for their dedication to serve their country, and gave advice to keep them on track in their careers. Chancellor Pearlman also inspected the battalions from the Army, Air Force, and Navy while being accompanied by Captain Richard

Thomas, the Commanding Officer of The Naval ROTC.



Due to the expenses of being a college student, the scholarships help the midshipman and cadets afford books, tuition, and housing with more ease than before. All of the ROTC students were very grateful for the scholarships and awards they received. The motivation of being able to receive awards and scholarships does give a little boost of inspiration to the midshipman. Midshipmen are here to serve their country that they love, and give back to a country that gave them so much. Though, in the end, scholarships and awards are always appreciated to help the midshipmen reach their goal of graduating college and commissioning as an officer in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.



Midshipmen, Air Force Cadets and Army Cadets wait to receive their awards at Parade Rest.



The Joint Color Guard stands at attention.



MIDN 1/C Koch brings the Battalion to Hand Salute



Midshipmen and Cadets receiving awards.

The Spring of 2014 Battalion Staff



CAPT Thomas, Richard
Commanding Officer



CDR Stearns, Mark
Executive Officer



CAPT Trout,
*Marine Officer
Instructor*



MSgt Criswell, Adam
*Assistant Marine Officer
Instructor*



LT Pastell, Jonathan
Naval Officer Instructor



LT Oldenkamp,
Naval Officer Instructor



Mrs. Kim Pappas



Mr. Bill Pate



Mr. Bill Miller

The Spring of 2014 Battalion Top Six



MIDN Brown, James
Battalion Commanding Officer



MIDN Cleveland, Alex
Battalion Executive Officer



MIDN Sheets, Tyler
Battalion Administration Officer



MIDN Selberg, Alyssa
*Alpha Company
Commanding Officer*



MIDN McMullen, Dalton
*Bravo Company
Commanding Officer*



MIDN Vonderohe, Cole
Battalion Operations Officer

The Fall of 2014 Battalion Top Six



MIDN Klein,
Battalion Commanding Officer



MIDN Meherg, Seth
Battalion Executive Officer



MIDN Breskin, Daniel
Battalion Administration Officer



MIDN Lane, Marshall
*Alpha Company
Commanding Officer*



MIDN Washa, Colt
*Bravo Company
Commanding Officer*



MIDN Selberg, Alyssa
Battalion Operations Officer

Graduating Seniors

Spring 2014



*Alex Cleaveland
Hometown: Council Bluffs, IA
Major: Russian
Service Selection: Aviation*



*Christine Harrington
Hometown: Platte, NE
Major: Nursing
Service Selection: Navy Nurse*



*Dillon Koch
Hometown: Eustis, NE
Major: Construction Management
Service Selection: Surface
Warfare Officer*



*Jonathan Larson
Hometown: Holdrege, NE
Major: Political Science
Service Selection: Surface
Warfare Officer*



*Jared Mar
Hometown: Lincoln, NE
Major: Secondary Education
Service Selection: TBS*

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Graduating Seniors

Spring 2014



Corey Muller
Hometown: Kearney, NE
Major: Banking and Finance
Service Selection: TBS



Danny Snow
Hometown: Pierre, SD
Major: Civil Engineering
Service Selection: Surface Warfare Officer



Phil Svoboda
Hometown: Beach Park, IL
Major: Chemistry
Service Selection: Surface Warfare Officer



Gretta Walter
Hometown: Bellevue, NE
Major: Nursing
Service Selection: Navy Nurse



Daniel Wilcox
Hometown: Norfolk, NE
Major: Geography
Service Selection: TBS

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Fall 2014

Upcoming Battalion Events

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| -Freshman Orientation NROTC | August 21-23 |
| -Joint Field Meet | TBA |
| -Fall Break | October 20-21 |
| --Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball | November 7 |
| -Thanksgiving Break | November 27-30 |
| -Finals Week | December 15-19 |
| -Winter Break | December 22-Jan 3 |

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Spring 2014

The Tide & Current staff would like to thank the writers for their contributions to another successful issue of the Tide & Current.

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| Captain Adam Trout | MIDN 1/C Brown | MIDN 2/C Selberg |
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Very Respectfully,
R. E. Thomas
Captain, USN
Professor of Naval Science



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