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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.
STATE OF THE BATTALION ADDRESS

By Captain Jeffery Whiting

As another semester comes to a close, Midshipmen Davis and Glendenning will be commissioned as Ensigns to begin their service, CDR Wesley will retire after 24 years of service, and CDR Stearns will report as the new Executive Officer. These significant events take place with our traditional background of NROTC activities and achievements.

One big change in our activities has been moving our Lab/Drill Period from Thursday at 1530 to Tuesday at 0530. We had to make the move to facilitate Lab/Clinical schedules for our greater number of Engineering, Science, and Nursing students. The change has been well received by the midshipmen; especially because it is easier to pass an inspection right after putting a uniform on rather than after wearing it all day. Also it fits into the schedule of our morning physical training sessions and makes reveille a constant time every day.

Academic stars for superior achievement were awarded to a record number of midshipmen at the start of this semester (based on spring grades). The unit’s CGPA has been creeping up a little each semester and is now hovering at 3.0. The Marine Option midshipmen do their best to pull the Battalion higher as they continue to earn a higher CGPA when compared to the Navy Option midshipmen. Also, the Battalion’s mentoring program has been very active this semester, and I am hoping to see increased academic success because of the greater peer engagement.

Due to the efforts of our University Liaison, Mrs. Kimberly Pappas, we have increased our engagement with the Admission’s Officer. She was able to integrate the availability of NROTC scholarships and the Navy’s presence on campus into their electronic notifications to prospective students at no cost. The recruiting officer, LT Pastell, has focused our limited advertising dollars into Admission’s Office hard copy distribution as well. We already have more students contacting us locally with interest in the program. Next year we expect to see more students choose Nebraska as a place to execute their Navy/Marine Corps scholarships because of their excellent efforts.

The Navy Wives group will be continuing their Thanksgiving tradition of baking “goodies” to present to the midshipmen after the final Lab/Drill Period before leaving on break. Based on past observation, not much of it is saved for traveling home for the
Developing Leaders for an Uncertain Future

By Major Alex Ramthun

With the active fighting from War of on terrorism coming to a close, significant defense budget cuts on the horizon, and an increasingly complex global environment, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) has focused on preparing the future leaders of the United States Naval Service to operate in an uncertain world. First, students are introduced and indoctrinated to the Navy and Marine Corps Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment to set an ethical foundation for action. Second, we challenge students to influence others by setting the example, taking initiative, and striving to meet and exceed high standards of performance in academics, physical fitness, military aptitude, and leadership. Finally, we enable our students to practically test their knowledge, skills, and abilities during local field events and while attending summer training.

The results of the leadership development model have shown great promise. We are commissioning seven strong students as officers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps during fiscal year 2013. Additionally, our students have achieved high performance in academics and physical fitness, to include 4.0 grade point averages and 300 out of 300 scores on physical fitness exams. Finally, we have developed future officers ready to operate effectively in the global environment, with several students achieving high proficiency in foreign languages and

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culture, to include Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and Spanish. Several of these students traveled abroad during the summer 2012 to obtain a more realistic appraisal of other cultures and educate their fellow students on the truths of the world.

So where do we go from here? With the Class on 2016 on deck, we have not deviated from our approach. We are continuing to prepare new students for the challenges they face both at UNL and in the NROTC. Our objective is to commission well-rounded, high performing officers to lead Sailors and Marines effectively in the operating forces; the Class of 2016 has high potential to realize this goal in the not so distant future. Along the way, they shall have the opportunity to enjoy all the events and activities this program has to offer, such as the Mardi Gras Drill Meet at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA (Feb 2013), the Notre Dame Leadership Weekend at Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN (Feb 2013), UNL NROTC Mess Night (Mar 2013), the Beale Street Rifle and Pistol Competition at the University of Memphis in Memphis, TN (Apr 2013), and Exercise Red Thunder 01-13 in Mead, NE (Apr 2013). There is so much fun to be had and so little time. The future is looking bright for our students. Please continue to support them in their efforts to develop into the most effective future Navy and Marine Corps officers. Semper Fidelis. Go B1G Red!

A Message from the Naval Officer Instructors

BRUSHING UP OUR NAUTICAL SKILLS

By Lieutenant Johnathan Pastell and Lieutenant Jeff Scheidt

The University of Nebraska NROTC Unit trains future Navy and Marine Corps officers together. This idea makes sense because 99% of what we teach are things that all officers should know – things like physical fitness, leadership skills, and ethics. However, a few semesters ago, a group of Navy Option students approached their Military Advisors and asked for more training on things that are unique to the Naval Service. From this, Naval Operations Training was born. Naval Operations Training (or Navy Ops, for short) is the only time the Navy Option students come together without their Marine Corps counterparts. Every semester a knowledgeable, motivated midshipman is chosen to lead the training, under the supervision of the Surface and Submarine Lieutenants. This semester was led by MIDN Sydney Stone. She put together a schedule for Navy Ops that included sail training, a
guest lecturer from a Naval Aviator, and community service projects. However, as fleet Lieutenants, our favorite Navy Ops days are those using the Maritime Skills Simulator.

The Maritime Skills Simulator is a network of computers that are used to simulate ship navigation scenarios. Similar to the training tools used in the fleet, the Maritime Skills Simulator allows the students to work together to navigate harbors from around the world. The simulator is very realistic, able to simulate a variety of conditions such as wind, rain, and currents, and their effects on the visibility, radar, and the ships maneuvering characteristics.

When using the simulator, each student assumes a role as a watchstander on a ship, such as a Lookout, a Radar Operator, or the Officer of the Deck. They must learn to effectively communicate with each other in order to accomplish their goal. This could be anything from safely piloting a destroyer into San Diego Harbor, to merging into the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Strait of Juan De Fuca. These challenges also allow the students to put what they learned in their Navigation and Seamanship classes into practice.

Navy Operations Training helps our future Naval Officers sharpen their nautical skills before they even report to their first ship. It also helps motivate our students towards their future careers. And it’s fun! How many professionals can say that they played video games as a part of their on-the-job training?

A Message from the Battalion Commanding Officer

ALWAYS LEARNING
By Midshipman 1/C Evelyn Boland

This fall semester has been especially busy for the NROTC Battalion at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Cornhusker midshipmen have been hard at work, working security and stadium clean-up after Nebraska football games, participating in community outreach events, including participation with the Mission Continues veterans organization and the Lincoln City Food Bank, and annual events such as the Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball and Joint Service Field Meet.

Our unit experienced the addition of two new staff “topside” advisors, Navy advisor LT Johnathan Pastell and Assistant Marine Officer Instructor MSgt Adam Criswell. They have brought new ideas and insight from the operational side of the Navy and Marine Corps, and have quickly become integrated into our everyday life and structure. We are very fortunate to have them. Additionally, we have changed up our traditional weekly schedule to better accommodate midshipman.

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class schedules and maximize battalion participation. Naval Science lab has been moved to commence at 0530 on Tuesdays as opposed to the original 1530 on Thursdays. This is an example of only one of many changes that has been very successful and we are looking to continue into next semester.

As the unit’s Midshipman Battalion Commander, this semester has been incredibly challenging, yet rewarding. It has been a privilege, and an honor, to lead and work with my fellow midshipmen, and receive the constant guidance and advice from advisors--Navy and Marine Corps officers of the highest caliber. I have especially valued my time with our own Commanding Officer, CAPT Jeffrey Whiting, and the opportunity to personally escort our guest of honor at the Navy and Marine Corps Ball, MCPON Terry Scott. As the fall semester comes to a close, my only word of advice for the underclassmen or future battalion billet holders is to always learn from every situation, success or failure. NROTC is a great learning experience to develop as a leader in a safe environment and with the support of experienced advisors. It has been a humbling and enriching experience.

A Farewell Address

FAREWELL WARRIORS
By Commander Kevin Wesley

The occasion for this note is one of mixed feelings for me. I am profoundly grateful for having had the opportunity to serve our great Nation. Selfless service, the Navy culture, our mission, and being a part of all that America’s military represents throughout the world is difficult to leave, but the element that I will miss foremost, is serving with the finest people of any profession. I strongly encourage all of you to continue your academic development with a particular focus on understanding why we serve, the principles that we stand and fight for, and to continue to explore the intricacies of our founding document that we have sworn to support and defend—our Constitution.

An editorial: The concept of American Exceptionalism is frequently debated, and often roundly rejected by many. I, however, am a strong proponent of nearly every facet associated with this concept because such ideals are the very things that have sustained my family and me through the rigors of multiple combat deployments. Why do I hold this opinion? Because in my 24-year operational career, I have experienced American Exceptionalism embodied in the actions and conduct of U.S. service members. U.S. service members conduct themselves honorably on the battlefield often when adversaries commit the most offensive and illegal acts against U.S. troops and innocent civil-
ians; U.S. service members apply proportional, measured use of force when engaged in battle despite the lack of reciprocity from adversaries; U.S. service members act under their own volition to graciously assist those in need while placing themselves in grave danger, often unrelated to the mission, and, at times, even contrary to orders in an effort to save lives; U.S. service members bring their hearts to the battlefield-reaching out to children, women, and others who have suffered the ravages of war; U.S. service members care about human life—all human life—even when their own lives are threatened. (Terms such as “hearts” and “care” are subjective terms that conjure up nebulous, thorny issues such as morality, values and ethics—all, elements inherent in every level of warfare.)

Individual acts of heroism are integral to the warrior ethos; however, such individual acts do not occur by happenstance, but rather, by design. American warriors reflect the culture and values of our Nation—a compassionate Nation that respects all cultures and beliefs throughout the world unlike any nation before. America is an exceptional Nation!

I challenge all of our future leaders to define fundamental concepts such as American Exceptionalism, and to understand how such ideals affect the warrior ethos and shape leadership. This is a task for all who serve our Nation in uniform and are assigned the heavy burden of protecting our Nation’s interests and the privilege of leading the most professional fighting force on the planet—the Navy.

-Marine Corps Team!

It has been my sincere pleasure to serve with all of the members, and alumni of Naval ROTC Unit, University of Nebraska—perhaps a fitting “end” for me, where the selfless journey “begins” for the Nation’s finest Midshipmen! I am envious of what awaits all of you because I am confident that your sacrifice will be rewarded with the pride of a grateful Nation. I wish all of you many successes in your future endeavors—I am sincerely expecting great things from all of you!

Fly Navy!!!

Ooh Rah!!! (Yes, it is true…Marine Corps wannabe…Blue Marine!)
Orientation Week

LEARNING WHAT IT TAKES
By Midshipman 4/C Alyssa Selberg

Orientation week, or O-Week as we like to call it, is an introductory step into the University of Nebraska- Lincoln NROTC. It is one week that transitions from staying at Camp Ashland to becoming a part of the battalion. Everyone was incredibly nervous upon their arrival to the UNL campus that Saturday morning, the beginning of O-Week. Throughout O-Week the upper-class midshipman and the Battalion Staff prepared us for the upcoming years of the life as a midshipman. After a physical fitness test, we moved back inside to get our gear and move out to Camp Ashland where we spent three days learning things such as: conduct of drill, the ways of a midshipman, and getting introduced to the military lifestyle. While at Camp Ashland, we got to experience Meals Ready to Eat, or MRE’s, learned what was expected of midshipman and future military officers, learned how to act accordingly, began physical training in our unit, and learned new military vocabulary such as deck, port, starboard, and many others. During the Camp Ashland Phase of O-Week, we built camaraderie through teamwork, gained respect for our mentors, and started down the path to becoming Navy and Marine Corps Officers. The training days started around 0500 in the morning and stayed busy all day. After the Camp Ashland Phase, we continued O-Week on the UNL campus. We took responsibility for ourselves when we were entrusted to arrive on time after we slept in our dorm rooms. During the Campus Phase, our learning focused more on battalion efforts and activities. We were introduced to more upper-class midshipman, began our first Degree Completion Plan (DCP), and prepared for the O-Week “Swearing-In” Ceremony. The ceremony was the happiest time of O-Week. We felt like we had accomplished something, and we got to share that accomplishment with our families.
Here at UNL NROTC, the Joint Field Meet gives us and the other services a chance to bond and compete with each other. Camaraderie is the mission of the Joint Field Meet. The Joint Field Meet consists of each service forming teams of Cadets and Midshipmen to compete in various athletic events. These events include a Push-up Contest, a Stretcher Relay, a Pull-up Contest, a Tug-O-War, an Izzy Dizzy Relay, and a Log Sit-up Contest. Two of our morning PT sessions were devoted to practicing for the Joint Field Meet. This year, we chose team leaders for each event to coordinate their teams for practices. Last year, we won the trophy after having lost it to the Army the year before. We won the Stretcher Relay and the Pull-Ups with relative ease. This year, after a very close competition we ended with a tie between Navy and Army. After a grueling Diamond Push-up tie-breaker, we lost the trophy to the Army again. This close competition with the Army made for the Joint Field Meet to be much more competitive. We will work harder and practice more with our teams in the coming years to ensure us getting the trophy back. This year, all three services pitched in to replace our old trophy and replaced it with a nicer one with placards on it to record the winner of the Joint Field Meet every year for the next 20 years. This event highlights the priorities of the Navy and Marine Corps, which include safety, camaraderie, and devotion to excellence and to be the best at everything we do.
Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball

237 YEARS OF TRADITION
By Midshipman 1/C Brian Porter

The annual UNL NROTC Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball took place on November 2, 2012 at the Lincoln Embassy Suites. More than 130 guests attended this celebration of the Navy and Marine Corps’ 237th birthdays, to include students, active duty personnel, and retired military professionals. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry D. Scott (retired) honored all the guests in attendance with his presence and words of wisdom as the Guest of Honor. Mr. Scott served as the tenth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy from April 2002 until he retired in July 2006. The event began with a social hour, allowing the students to get to know our retired military and active duty guests. The ceremony began with entrance of the sword detail followed by the Battalion Commander, Midshipman Boland, who escorted the Guest of Honor on to the dance floor for recognition. The ceremony proceeded with the cutting of one Navy and one Marine Corps Birthday Cake followed by the Guest of Honor’s speech. Following the speech the colors were retired and dinner was served. For dinner this year, the Embassy Suites served a 13 ounce KC strip, bacon wrapped chicken, salmon, and vegetarian ravioli, each accompanied with a garden fresh salad and roasted potatoes. After enjoying the delicious meals, the DJ from Complete Music began to play music for everyone to relax and dance to until late into the evening. A special thank you goes out to all who made time in their busy schedules to assist in making this year’s Birthday Ball a success. Guests and midshipmen alike thoroughly enjoyed the evening of celebration and were greatly pleased with the change in location, some even stating this year’s ball was the best yet. This time-honored tradition shall be carried on for many years to come, and as a whole, the battalion wishes to see everyone for next year’s celebration.
MIDN Cleaveland gives a brief about Naval Aviation during Navy Ops.

Midshipmen listen as the Guest of Honor of the POW/MIA ceremony shares his experiences as a POW.

Freshmen midshipmen wait for instruction to qualify as a 2/C Swimmer. This class was the only class to have everyone qualify as a 2/C Swimmer in their first semester.
Freshman Navy Option Midshipmen look on as the upperclassmen try to show them how to “properly” sail.

MSgt Criswell takes the time to instruct freshman midshipmen on the proper way to wear the uniform during an inspection.

The Battalion was formed up for the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action ceremony held on campus. The ceremony was for the military personnel that have suffered as a POW and for those who never made it back.
MSgt Criswell trains the battalion on the basics of color guard during a Drill Lab. MIDN Cleaveland and MSgt Criswell worked closely this semester to ensure proper color guard techniques.

Midshipmen had many questions for the crew of the USS Nebraska, a nuclear powered submarine.

MIDN Sheets tries to regain his bearing during the Izzy-Dizzy Race, one of the events in the Joint Field Meet.
BECOMING A NAVAL OFFICER
By Midshipman 1/C Sydney Stone

The purpose of Navy Option Training (Navy Ops) is to support the goal of commissioning well trained midshipmen that are ready for the challenges and demands they will face as junior officers. Unique to the Navy, many NROTC graduates will be required to assume command responsibilities and lead a division of well-trained sailors immediately once he or she reports to the fleet. Midshipmen gradually acquire the skills and knowledge required to become an Ensign in the United States Navy over the course of their time in the NROTC program. The Navy Option training is designed to supplement the fundamental leadership and technical curriculum as well as the summer cruises that provide valuable exposure to the Fleet including aviation, surface, and subsurface Navy.

Navy Ops is a once a week, classroom based training in which midshipmen are given the opportunity to participate in sail training, community service events, weapons familiarization, maritime ship simulator, and flight simulator training. This semester, we were fortunate to have officers and enlisted sailors from the USS Nebraska (SSBN 739) Blue Crew visit the university and speak to Navy option midshipmen about nuclear power and the submarine warfare community. We also had Commander Chuck Lewis (Ret.), a former F-14 Tomcat pilot and UNL NROTC Executive Officer, as a guest speaker who provided valuable insight into the opportunities available to junior officers in the aviation warfare community.

Navy Ops training is critical to ensuring every midshipman has proper training and exposure to each of the warfare specialties, and that they are prepared to assume their first assignments as Naval Officers upon graduation from the University of Nebraska NROTC battalion.
Nurse Option

SUMMER CRUISE AS A NURSE OPTION
By Midshipman 1/C Stacey Alt

As my nursing school classmates were worrying about getting internships and summer jobs, I was looking forward for the opportunity to go to my 1/C nurse option summer cruise. Unlike other summer cruises of Navy Option midshipmen, where they may spend time on a Naval ship, submarine, or air squadron, nurse options have the chance to spend a month at a Naval Hospital to shadow Naval nurses, get a feel for the Navy life, and get to see and experience things that normal nursing students do not often get to do.

My 1/C cruise consisted of a month at Naval Medical Center in San Diego, CA. If spending a month in beautiful San Diego wasn’t enough, I got to share my experience with five other nurse options from various universities such as Jacksonville University, Georgetown University, and Washington State University. It was interesting to share our nursing experiences, talk about our nursing programs, and compare NROTC units.

The month consisted of each person spending a week on the unit of their choice. We had the opportunity to choose from Medicine, Wounded Warriors, Oncology, Telemetry, Operating Room, Intensive Care Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Labor and Delivery, Antepartum, Postpartum, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Pediatrics, Emergency Room, and Mental Health. It was hard to narrow it down to only three areas that I was interested in, but I eventually decided on Labor and Delivery, Emergency Room, and Operating Room. Each unit offered different opportunities, observations, and things to learn. I found my calling in Labor and Delivery and got to assist in multiple births, assist in the laboring process of numerous mothers, and observed the C-section of twins. I also got the guidance and advice of Naval Nurses that were once in my shoes and helped explain the transition from nurse option to a Naval Nurse. There were a lot of interesting experiences in the Emergency Room. Other than being able to see various interesting health problems and diseases, I was taught how to insert an IV, time management, policies and procedures, and the importance of thinking fast and on your feet in the emergency department. My experience ended with observing in the Operating Room, which I got to see cutting edge laparoscopic surgeries, interesting procedures, and practice my sterile field techniques. All of these experiences helped me improve as a nurse and as a midshipman. A lot of the things I saw and did I have never even done or seen in my 1st year of nursing school, so I was ahead of the curve in various clinical aspects when I got back.

Ultimately my summer cruise was invaluable, and I was able to experience and learn so much. I got to meet a lot of great people and expanded my knowledge of the customs and traditions of our U.S. Navy, and more specifically, my future role as a Naval Officer.
Sailing

THE JOY OF SAILING
By Midshipman 1/C Justin Davis

The Sailing program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has a long standing tradition of excellence. “The Nebraska Fleet,” as it is affectionately called, consists of seven Lasers; small one man sailboats. Freshmen are exposed to the sailing program during their Orientation Week by receiving an introductory brief and a few hours of time on the water to familiarize themselves with sailing a boat. Traditionally, the UNL NROTC has always conducted sailing on Branched Oak Lake, outside of Lincoln, Nebraska. Before the start of their Senior year, all Navy Option midshipmen are required to earn their “Skipper B” qualifications, which involve rigging the sailboat, demonstrating effective handling on the water, and a written exam.

Community Service

COMMUNITY SERVICE ABOVE SELF
By Midshipman 1/C Danny Snow

It is clear that relief efforts for people affected by natural disasters will always be a big part in the United States Navy and, therefore, something we all will unfortunately deal with during our naval careers. It is most certainly our duty to prepare for these jobs as midshipmen so we can better serve people in need during these extreme situations.

Here in Lincoln, we consider ourselves very lucky not to be subjected to extremes of this nature, but community service opportunities are constantly explored.

During the month of October, our battalion participated in the university sponsored “Dare to Care” food drive. This is an annual event that aims to stock the Lincoln Food Bank for the holiday season. During the first week of the event, Navy Option Midshipmen distributed hundreds a fliers throughout Lincoln informing the public of the opportunity to provide Thanksgiving meals for those in need in our community. The following two weeks, on a completely volunteer basis, all Midshipmen were welcomed to meet and revisit these houses to collect non-perishable food items. Due largely to the motivation of the freshmen class and a few very dedicated upperclassmen, we were able to collect over 800 items and helped give individuals and families in need items we all may take for granted on a daily basis.

We are proud and we deeply appreciate the opportunity of doing our part to keep the Navy’s image of a “Global Force for Good” a reality here in landlocked Nebraska.
MIDN Snow shows off the non-perishable food items collected by the battalion for the Dare-to-Care Food Drive.

Navy Option midshipmen went out sailing on our battalion Lasers. Navy Option midshipmen always look forward to getting out on the water.

CDR Chuck Lewis (Ret.) addresses the Navy Options during Navy Ops. He stressed the future of naval aviation and the importance of the never-ending process of learning something new.
Sgt Muller assists MSgt Criswell with drill instruction during the Camp Ashland phase of Freshman Orientation Week.

MIDN Breskin’s squad formed up and ready for inspection. This was MIDN Spiegel’s and MIDN Soper’s first inspection in the battalion.
Midshipmen were part of a study about leadership in dangerous situations held by Maj Ramthun. Midshipmen were put in teams and were evaluated on their performance.

Midshipmen gave it their all for the push-up event during the Joint Field Meet.

MIDN Cleaveland speaks with Colonel Bamford, former Professor of Naval Science at UNL, at this year’s Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball.
BECOMING A MARINE CORPS OFFICER

By Midshipman 1/C Travis Davidson

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Marine Option Naval ROTC program has the same mission as our Navy brothers and sisters, which is to develop midshipmen mentally, morally, and physically, to instill in them the highest ideals of duty and loyalty, and with the Navy and Marine Corps core values of honor, courage and commitment. As part of this rewarding program, Marine Option midshipmen will participate in Naval Science classes and spend their first two years learning about the Marine Corps. However, in their third summer, they will spend six weeks attending Marine Officer Candidates School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia.

Preparation for Marine Officer Candidate School is our second main effort, right behind earning a degree. Preparation consists of building the midshipmen’s physical, academic, and leadership abilities. Marine Corps Training Operations (MCTO) is our class designed to teach these fundamentals in a relaxed environment. MCTO takes place on Wednesday afternoons for one hour, preparing midshipmen academically and for leadership roles for OCS. Overall, the goal for this class is to equip each midshipman with the necessary background to successfully complete OCS. The fundamentals that have been taught this semester include: basic land navigation skills, basic squad sized tactics, life-styles of a Marine Officer, and book discussions that help guide the midshipmen toward making good leadership decisions for here at the University of Nebraska and once they are in the fleet. Once these basic skills are mastered, field exercises are utilized to evaluate each midshipman to identify and correct any deficiencies that may be encountered.

The main field training event that took place this semester was called Exercise Red Lightning. It was conducted on October 19th and 20th. Here these Marine Options were put in the field and tested over their day and night land navigation ability, ability to lead a fire team to an objective, and physical ability by completing a six mile conditioning hike. Exercise Red Lightning was a great success. Everyone learned about their flaws, strengths,
and enjoyed getting outside in the field environment. Physically, Marine Option Midshipmen have battalion physical training with the Navy Options every Monday and Thursday at 0600. They also have Marine physical training every Wednesday and Friday morning at 0600. These physically training sessions have consisted of circuit workouts, conditioning hikes, and long runs. These exercise sessions are ultimately designed to strengthen their bodies and minds. Each morning, a different workout is prepared and led by the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor and a Marine option senior student. Upon completion of their academic degree and Naval ROTC requirements, graduates possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the naval service, and have a potential for future development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government. Graduates are commissioned into the United States Marine Corps as Second Lieutenants.

Semper Fidelis Society

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD

By Midshipman 2/C Alex Cleaveland

This year, the society has participated in several events which served to build the camaraderie of our members and develop future leaders of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. After the activities of the freshman Orientation Week, the Semper Fidelis Society hosted a lunch for all Marine-Option midshipmen in order to acquaint the newest members of our battalion with more experienced Marine-Option midshipmen as well as our Marine Officer Instructor and Assistant Marine Officer Instructor. The Society also participated in the Campbell Elementary School Fun Run / Walk-a-thon, in which members inspire elementary aged children to get outside and pursue physical fitness. Although these activities have been traditions for the society, some changes are in the works as well. This year marks the final Basketball season that society members will provide event parking and security services due to the relocation of the University of Nebraska’s team to a new arena downtown. This transition means that the society will be finding another form of fund-raising in order to continue our activities.
The 19th and 20th of October was the start of a learning experience for the Marine Options at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Exercise Red Lightning 01-13 is a two day field training exercise that tests the skills and knowledge learned for all of the Marine Corps Training Options (MCTO). Exercise Red Lightning’s main effort is the currently enrolled junior Marine Option students that will be attending Officer Candidate School (OCS) for the upcoming summer, and also the new freshmen that have just started to learn the basic skills of becoming a Marine Corps Officer. Phase I started at the beginning of the semester with all of the Marine Option students attending a weekly MCTO instruction sessions. These periods are where the knowledge and skills tested at Red Lightning were learned. Along with weekly Marine MCTO events, we had bi-weekly Marine Corps physical fitness training sessions. During these events, the Marine Options are pushed to their mental and physical limits and taught to overcome—an attitude Marines must have.

Phase II was the start of two day training event. Phase II is where instructors test the knowledge and skills learned from Phase I. The actual event took place at the Mead training Area near Ashland, NE. The event begun with day land navigation, consisting of using only a map, protractor, and compass to find your way from one point to another over challenging terrain. The points were spread out to about a kilometer in between each other; keeping in mind that this, for most freshmen, is the first time plotting and configuring points on a map. The underclassmen excelled and impressed the instructors with their performance and are showing that the hard work and time they are putting into learning and training is paying off.

Another important training event was learning the basics of controlling a fire team. Everyone was put into a four person fire team, each with a different position and mission. The juniors started out as the fire team leaders to show their knowledge learned for OCS, and to help familiarize the freshmen. Astoundingly, the freshmen picked up on the scheme of controlling a fire team and performed exceptionally well for only having one semester of training under their belt. Exercise Red Lightning consisted of many events from day land navigation, night land navigation, a six mile conditioning hike, and, everyone’s favorite, tactical paintball training. The training exercise was a non-stop moving exercise designed to test the Marine Option’s knowledge and skill and teach them how to handle a small amount of stress. Everyone performed exceptionally well and will continue to train for the upcoming field exercise, Exercise Red Thunder, where there skill will be tested once more.
Marine Option midshipmen had the opportunity to train in a field environment. Operation Red Lightning allowed the midshipmen to gain valuable experience.
The Fall 2012 Battalion

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Midn Davis, Justin
Midn Evans, Andrew
Midn Fulk, Chris
Midn Gamero, Elizabeth
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Midn Harrington, Christine
Midn Hinsley, Samone
Midn Hoffman, Lindsey
Midn Hooper, Nick
Midn Jensen, Clark
Midn Klein, Alex
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MIDN Mar, Jared

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MIDN Puro, Taryn
MIDN Schiavone, Michael
MIDN Selberg, Alyssa
MIDN Sheets, Tyler

MIDN Snow, James
MIDN Sonderman, Connor
MIDN Soper, Michael
MIDN Spiegel, Connor
MIDN Stone, Sydney
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- MIDN Swanson, Austin
- MIDN Tomlinson, Chris
- MIDN VonDerOhe, Cole
- MIDN Walter, Gretta
- MIDN Washa, Colt
- MIDN Wilcox, Daniel
- MIDN Wolfe, Treynor
- Sgt Muller, Corey

Battalion Staff:
- CAPT Whiting, Jeffery
  Commanding Officer
- Maj Ramthun, Alex
  Executive Officer/MOI
- MSgt Criswell, Adam
  Assistant Marine Officer Instructor
- LT Scheidt, Jeff
  Naval Officer Instructor
- LT Pastell, Johnathan
  Naval Officer Instructor
- Mrs. Kim Pappas
- Mr. Bill Pate
- Mr. Bill Miller
THE FALL 2012 BATTALION TOP SIX

MIDN Boland, Evelyn
Battalion Commanding Officer

MIDN Wilcox, Daniel
Alpha Company
Commanding Officer

MIDN Larson, Jonathan
Battalion Administration Officer

MIDN Mar, Jared
Battalion Executive Officer

MIDN Schiavone, Michael
Bravo Company
Commanding Officer

MIDN Lewis, Chase
Battalion Operations Officer

THE INCOMING SPRING 2013 BATTALION TOP SIX

MIDN Schiavone, Michael
Battalion Commanding Officer

MIDN Cleaveland, Alex
Alpha Company
Commanding Officer

MIDN Tomlinson, Chris
Battalion Administration Officer

MIDN Stone, Sydney
Battalion Executive Officer

MIDN Koch, Michael
Bravo Company
Commanding Officer

MIDN Brown, James
Battalion Operations Officer
GRADUATING SENIORS
Fall 2012

JUSTIN G. DAVIS
Major: Geography
Service Selection: Surface Warfare

STEPHEN K. GLEN DENNING
Major: Construction Management
Service Selection: Aviation
MIDN Davis was the Sailing Officer this last semester. He also was the Battalion First Lieutenant, MIDN Davis was involved even to his last semester.

MIDN Glendenning shown here participating in the Stretcher Relay during the Joint Field Meet. MIDN Glendenning always put forth his best effort.
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