A Message from the Commanding Officer

Change is Good
By Captain Jeffrey Whiting

I have just finished my last class for the spring 2012 semester. Soon the college students sitting in my class will be commissioned. As much as we have tried to prepare them over the last four years, they really don’t know what a wonderful adventure they are beginning as officers in the Navy and Marine Corps. There is an often quoted truism that luck is what happens when opportunity meets preparation. I believe that all of these new officers will be lucky. They will be able to succeed at their new opportunities because they have been well prepared by the staff and experiences that have shaped them while performing within the battalion. It is always a privilege to see the high caliber of the individuals that choose to be a part of NROTC; it is an honor to be part of the process that gives them the knowledge, skills and abilities to achieve their goal of becoming an officer.

Our strong focus on academics and physical training has been paying big dividends. The battalion combined grade point average (CGPA) has climbed to over 3.0 and is still rising. (The Marine Option Midshipmen have had the highest CGPA, as a group, for the last two semesters.) All of the midshipmen have passed the physical readiness test at the level required for commissioning. This could be in part because of an elite group of midshipmen athletes who started an Endurance Team and have shown that “regular” PT shouldn’t be too hard for anyone.

I would also like to thank our super-charged Battalion/Staff Recruiting Team. From the looks of our incoming freshman class the last two years of effort is resulting in at least 10% more UNL NROTC scholarships being accepted. For those of you who heeded my previous call to help us in recruiting, I offer you credit for this change as well.

I will close with a note familiar to all who have served. (Continued on page 2)
Most of the staff is rotating to new duty stations this year. LT Long, GySgt Aguilar, LT Stone, and CDR Wesley are leaving before the end of the calendar year. Both LTs have reliefs scheduled to come aboard before the new school year. We are waiting on words from the “detailing gods” to find out about Gunny and the XO. Personnel rotation is just another fact of life in the military, but we will miss them. They have all been an integral part of our success and are sure to bring success to their new commands. In the meantime, Major Ramthun and I will endeavor to persevere with the able assistance of our civilian staff and the reliefs as they arrive.

Enjoy the summer and all the great information in this Tide and Current.

A Message from the Executive Officer

Go Navy!

By Commander Kevin Wesley

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors! They are off to the Fleet in various capacities and will represent B1G Red in fine fashion! Also, congratulations to the new Battalion officers and leadership elements. The number of highly qualified midshipmen vying for Battalion leadership positions is a testament to the success and mentorship of our graduating Seniors and the Unit as a whole—well done.

I encourage all of you to maximize the summer training opportunities. You must be a proactive member in your summer training assignments—that is, what you “get out” of your summer training experience is largely dependent upon what you “put into” your curriculum/schedule. So, if you “put in” maximum effort and professionalism, then I am confident that your summer training will result in a rewarding professional, and personal growth experience.

I have emphasized the value of relationships many times over the years and will continue to do so. Not only is “relationship” a key element in effective leadership, but it also represents one of the more rewarding personal aspects of serving in the world’s largest fraternity/sorority. Serving our Nation with others who share common Core Values and who are dedicated to principles such as “Service Before Self,” is truly a fulfilling experience and forms the foundation of everlasting relationships. So…enjoy the Fleet and your Shipmates/fellow Marines!

Please remember, living by the Navy’s Core Values is a lifestyle—it doesn’t change when you are on Summer Break, in a leave status, in a foreign port, or any other locale or disposition. All of you are representatives of the Navy’s finest ROTC Unit, the University of Nebraska and ambassadors of the United States Navy and our Nation. Be proud, professional, engaged, and train hard! Ooh-Rah! Go NAVY!
The military and civilian staff of the University of Nebraska NROTC take pride in every individual that earns a commission through the program. Our mission is officer development, and we will do whatever it takes to ensure the success of our midshipmen. The unit staff for the spring semester of 2012 is shown below.
The Road Less Traveled

By Major Alex Ramthun

The Marines and Marine Option midshipmen of Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Unit, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) have recently completed an academic year long journey culminating with Exercise Red Thunder 01-12. Since August of 2011, the students seeking commissions as United States Marine Corps (USMC) officers have experienced great challenges, joyful successes, and humble lessons learned. The overall objective of each student is simple: Earn a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. The path to this objective is complex: Demonstrate measured performance in academics, physical fitness, tactical knowledge/skill, and leadership. However, each student does not march along this path alone; rather, they work together as a team to reach their common objectives.

In order to facilitate their professional development, the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor (AMOI), Gunnery Sergeant Ruben Aguilar, and I have changed the culture, training, and operations supporting those working towards USMC officer commissions. First, we added new physical training sessions to focus on the “functional fitness” students. These sessions included 65 total miles of hiking with 45 pound packs, rope climbing training, combat fitness training, and endurance training. Functional fitness represents a key area of emphasis at both Officer Candidates School (OCS) and The Basic School (TBS). By introducing the students

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to this style of training now, we have enabled them to perform at high levels at these important proving grounds.

Second, we expanded our field training to cover all required infantry core skills and training requirements, focusing on day and night land navigation, tactical leadership, terrain model construction, weapons handling and employment, aviation asset integration (helicopter training), and offensive tactical practical applications. Executing one major field exercise per semester, following 50 hours of classroom training, the students are now more prepared than ever to meet the challenges of OCS and TBS. Additionally, their experiences enable them to excel during other off site training events, to include the Mountain Warfare Training Course (MWTC) in Bridgeport, California.

Finally, we have expanded intellectual and leadership training events to include required book discussions, scenario-based exercises, and reviewing military leadership failures to embrace lessons learned. Modern combat requires more of our future leaders than brute force. The mind is the ultimate weapon; at UNL NROTC, we are sharpening the mind as often as possible in preparation for the future.

Our major structural changes have achieved great success. Our students are more prepared than ever to serve our country as leaders of Marines. I congratulate our current senior class of three outstanding graduates. They have successful made it to the end of the path less traveled and now get to see their hard work and excellent performance culminate in an officer commission. The seniors exemplified the motto of the Marine Corps: *Semper Fidelis* - Always Faithful. They acted as stewards of our fine organization throughout their final semesters, developing underclassmen in order to ensure they one day may also realize their dreams.

We are very proud of the accomplishments and transformation of the Marine Corps students at UNL NROTC. If you would like to participate in future UNL NROTC Marine Corps events, please contact me at aramthun2@unl.edu. We would welcome any support from local alumni looking to make a difference in lives of future officers.
It has been a tremendous year for the Battalion. All hands have worked hard to excel both as students and future military leaders. This year, we’ve increased focus on military experiences, developing leadership, and community service, while still maintaining academics as our highest priority.

Each summer our Midshipmen depart for summer training and summer cruises at military units across the United States and abroad. This allows them to experience what their future careers will be like firsthand, as well as exposing them to the people and the culture of our operating forces. This year’s summer training included flying in F-18’s, submerging in a submarine, and pulling into South American ports.

Our Midshipmen participate in a variety of activities to develop their leadership abilities. This year, we registered 40 hours on Branched Oak Lake in the battalion’s sailing vessels. Teaching our midshipman to sail goes beyond just naval tradition. Piloting a sailboat requires good judgment, quick thinking, and failing that, good swimming skills. The battalion also tackled the University’s high-ropes course. Climbing to the top not only requires tremendous upper body strength, but also effective teamwork.

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Introducing
Lieutenant Jeff Scheidt

In March, Lieutenant Long was replaced by Lieutenant Scheidt.

Lieutenant Jeff Scheidt was raised in Fresno, CA. After high school graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and completed the Naval Nuclear Power Program’s enlisted training. In 2002, he was selected for the Seaman-to-Admiral 21 commissioning program. He attended the University of Washington, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a Bachelor of Science in Astronomy.

Lieutenant Scheidt completed the Naval Nuclear Power Program’s officer training, then reported to the USS Nebraska, SSBN-739, Blue Crew, stationed in Bangor, WA. He served as the Electrical Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Communications Officer while completing five Strategic Deterrent Patrols. He then served as a Detainee Affairs Operations Officer at US Central Command, in Tampa, FL.

He reported to the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, University of Nebraska, as the Submarine Advisor, in March 2011.
Interacting with the city of Lincoln is a huge part of our battalion, and our Midshipman consistently volunteer to help the community. Our Community Service Officer, MIDN Walter, has organized more service opportunities this spring than ever before. Our Midshipmen have taken time out of their challenging academic schedules to help out at the Peoples City Mission, LEGO Robotics Competition, the Big Event, and more. These activities not only improve the community around us, but instill a sense of service.

As rewarding as these activities are, academics remain the number one priority while our Midshipman are seeking their college degrees. Two of our Midshipmen were selected for a foreign exchange study program this year called Project Go. MIDN Brown will be taking summer courses in China, and MIDN Glendenning will have the option to go to Turkmenistan.

Looking ahead to next year, we are proud to send our graduating seniors to serve in the Navy and Marine Corps on platforms such as Frigates, Amphibious Ships, or Flight School. This summer our Midshipmen will take summer cruises to places such as San Diego and Japan. This fall we will hit the ground running academically and professionally, with our senior class leading the charge. Next year will be another adventure, but the one thing I can say for sure, is that the future of our Navy and Marine Corps is in good hands.
The top six are the midshipmen leaders of the UNL NROTC battalion. They are in charge of all other midshipmen, whether they are those in billets or those in squads. The midshipmen chain of command is structured with the top six at its head. Those shown below served as the top six for the 2012 spring semester.

**Top Six**

**University of Nebraska—Lincoln**
**Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps**

MIDN 1/c Robert Svoboda  
Battalion Commanding Officer

MIDN 1/c Stephen Glendenning  
Battalion Executive Officer

MIDN 2/c Evelyn Boland  
Operations Officer

MIDN 2/c Sydney Stone  
Administration Officer

MIDN 1/c Justin Davis  
Commanding Officer—Alpha Company

MIDN 3/c Jared Mar  
Commanding Officer—Bravo Company
I had the honor of serving as Battalion Commander this past semester, and it was rewarding to say the least. I have been blessed with an outstanding group of students that helped each other transition from high school to developing into a leader. It has been my pleasure watching these young men and women continuously step up when called upon to complete any task, big or small, successfully. They are worthy of commendation.

Unfortunately, due to external influences outside of our control, our unit is getting smaller. However, the quality of those members is the best it has been yet. Earlier and earlier, we are able to give midshipmen a sense of responsibility and trust that the job will get done correctly. Of course, minor mistakes were made along the way, but the proof of the unit’s collective maturity and growth is the learning that occurred.

I am very proud of what the battalion accomplished this semester. We tried new training evolutions like the UNL Challenge Course and new ways to build unit cohesion with the popular dodge-ball tournament. Members of the unit not only performed admirably in the Tulane Drill Meet, but also competed well in the Memphis Rifle Shoot and the Texas A&M Endurance Team tournament.

So while the Battalion shrinks, our participation in national events still grows. With cruises occurring over the summer, I am confident that the midshipmen we are sending will positively represent the University of Nebraska. The midshipmen of this Battalion continue to represent not only the Naval Services proudly but also their families, and it has truly been an honor to try to serve them to the best of my ability. I have learned countless lessons about leadership from my interactions in the unit, and I look forward using those lessons in the future and remembering that the University of Nebraska gave me these opportunities.
Throughout the 2011-12 academic year, the 44 midshipmen at the UNL NROTC unit worked together, learned together, and played together. The group was diverse; midshipmen came from different places, had different interests, and different career goals. Despite the disparities, relationships formed, and people learned to get along.

These pages contain some information from members of the battalion for the past fall and spring semesters. Each midshipman was asked to fill out a brief questionnaire for their responses.
Where Are We From?

From Nebraska: 25
From Elsewhere: 19

Evelyn Boland  
Yucaipa, CA  
1,208 miles

Stacey Alt  
Murrieta, CA  
1,234 miles

Sydney Stone  
Temecula, CA  
1,231 miles

What do you like the most about the unit?

“I really like the opportunity that I have to work with and be advised by our active duty staff.”

MIDN James Snow

“I like the people and their love of PT.”

MIDN Christopher Tomlinson

“Summer whites.”

MIDN Reece Berg

“I enjoy the sense of pride that we have in our unit. Also, the small size and the relationships we have with each other.”

MIDN Daniel Breskin

“The tight-knit atmosphere of motivated people is great.”

MIDN Alex Houchin

“Most of the people are pretty funny.”

MIDN Gretta Walter

Favorite Battalion Activities

- Drill
- Community Service
- Physical Training
- Lab
- Navel/Marine Corps Ball
- Other

Bar chart showing the distribution of favorite battalion activities.
UNIT HISTORY
Naval ROTC at the University of Nebraska

The Nebraska Naval ROTC unit was established on 15 August 1945 as 1 of 25 new NROTC units under the “Holloway Plan” expansion. The unit’s first campus home was Architecture Hall on the southwest corner of the city campus. Construction of the Military and Naval Science Building began in 1945, but due to construction delays, was not completed until 1948. The building was designed to house only Army and Naval ROTC Units, but the establishment of the Air Force ROTC program in 1947 forced change to accommodate the new service. At one time the building housed retired military armaments in what is now the well deck. These were removed after a fire in the building during anti-Vietnam War rallies in the early 1970s.

Over the past six decades, 24 commanding officers from the Navy and the Marine Corps have led the unit. Captain Jeffrey B. Whiting has been in command since his arrival in 2009.

Currently, there are 44 Midshipmen preparing to be commissioned as officers in the world’s finest Navy and Marine Corps. They carry on the tradition passed down from Midshipmen before them to make the UNL NROTC unit one of the most accomplished in the nation with five currently serving flag officers.

From the University Archives.
As an incoming college freshman, life can be full of confusion and unanswered questions. What dorm will I live in? How big will my room be? What will my roommate be like? As an incoming NROTC freshman, it’s a whole different story.

When joining UNL’s NROTC unit, my least concern was where I would live or what my roommate would be like. My questions were more along the lines of “how will I survive?” and “will I still have time to enjoy college?” I began my Midshipman career in the fall of 2011. Orientation week, or O-week, was the first main event to attend. It is an introductory week to life as a midshipman and is comparable to a short boot camp. Though it was not easy, I survived. Then there came getting used to the expectations once college began.

Midshipmen in our unit are held to very high standards. We are expected to maintain good grades, form relationships with our professors, achieve good physical condition, participate in volunteer activities, and consistently be active within the battalion. Personally, life as a freshman in the battalion can be demanding, but I assure you, it is do-able. And you can still have a social life.

Though I have been called crazy by my “normal” college friends for being so busy, being involved in this battalion is worth it. On top of the fact that you earn a lot of respect while being involved in the NROTC program, you still have time to do the normal things that any other college student would do. Things such as shopping, intermural sports, and hanging out with friends on the weekends are still a (Continued on page 14)
regular part of my life.

Although UNL’s NROTC program seems demanding, the rewards are priceless. In my short time in the battalion, I am in the best physical condition I have ever been in, I am being pushed to reach my goals, I have met some of the finest men and women of my generation, and I will proudly serve my country someday. Though many people ask us how we do what we do, the answer is simple: We take great pride in wearing the uniform.

**Time Management is Key**

**A Midshipman’s Schedule**

By MIDN 3/c Jonathan Larson

Whether it’s going to classes, participating in intramurals, or enjoying a little down time, college life can be pretty hectic. There is always something to do. When the activities and events associated with Naval ROTC are thrown into the mix, a person becomes busier. One of the first things a midshipmen must learn is that time management is essential.

Academics are extremely important in the unit. Classes for majors and general requirements are taken by all hands. In addition, a midshipman must also take several naval science classes. NAVS classes, which cover a range of courses from naval weapons systems to naval engineering to naval history and the role of amphibious warfare, are taught by the unit staff. These courses give midshipmen a chance to see what their future naval or Marine career will involve.

On top of the classes, all members of the battalion must register for a naval orientation lab, a two to three hour class held every week where one can learn the navy’s policies, participate in inspections, and listen to guest speakers. The lab is followed by “company time,” a time where midshipmen learn the news from their respective company.

Navy option midshipmen and Marine options also need to attend a specialized meeting during the week for training in their service. Navy Ops and Marine Ops give midshipmen even more valuable information.

Physical training is a big part of the battalion, as well. It begins at 0600 on Mondays and Wednesdays, but midshipmen must arrive thirty minutes early. Exercises and brief runs will usually follow. Marine options, do even more physical training, however, often coming in on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

As one can see, a midshipmen’s schedule can be pretty busy. In addition to all that has been mentioned, midshipmen also participate in community service events, battalions teams and clubs, and more. If one manages his time wisely, time in the battalion become less of a chore and more a chance to learn.
Clockwise from top: 1) Midshipmen participate in physical training at the Cook Pavilion. Due to weather, much of the spring semester’s training takes place indoors. 2) LT Scheidt instructs a naval engineering class. 3) Members of the battalion are given a presentation during the naval orientation lab on Thursday afternoon. 4) Navy option midshipmen use the ship simulator during Navy Ops. The simulator allows students to drive different ships in a controlled environment. 5) MIDN Hoffman signs the log book in the wardroom. As the battalion duty officer (BDO), it is her responsibility to keep the wardroom clean for a week.
This semester, a new billet was introduced to the Battalion: the Community Service Officer. With a handful of midshipmen being interested in participating in volunteer work throughout the fall semester, this billet seemed fitting as we were previously lacking enough opportunities. Near the end of the fall semester, myself and MIDN Stone spoke briefly about the idea of having a billet to meet the needs of those interested in volunteering. With the support from our military advisors, a new billet was created; one in which the name of our battalion got out into the community as being dependable, hardworking, and, of course, caring for local organizations and charities.

The spring semester included two major events and various smaller-scale events throughout. The first event that members of the battalion participated in was the Gear Tech-21 LEGO Event, which was held at the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland, NE. This was a huge event for elementary and middle school-aged children competing in robotics engineering. As volunteers, we each participated in various jobs; some worked with the judges and teams, making sure they got to where they needed to be, and others helped out with parking and transporting teams and spectators to and from their cars to the museum. The second major event this semester was the BIG Event, which was held on April 21, 2012. This is another large event where the University of Nebraska and nearly every student organization participates in volunteer work in and around the Lincoln area. Midshipmen from the unit spent their time helping at several private residences in the Lincoln area. In the spring 2011 semester, we were involved with the up-keep of a Prairie Grass Conservation Center on the outskirts of the city. (Continued on page 17)
of Lincoln. This year’s job has not been announced as of yet, but I would see us doing something similar.

This semester we also had quite a few Midshipmen participate in the Miles to Afghanistan Program. The Miles to Afghanistan Program is a program in which family and friends of deployed marines and sailors work together to “run” to Afghanistan and back. We helped out Fox Company of the Second Battalion Ninth Marines stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, whose goal distance for a “round-trip” trip to and from Afghanistan is 1,440 miles. With our participation, we had provided over 1,000 miles as of March 9, 2012. The first company to have finished this distance of 1,440 miles is going to receive a Pizza Party to enjoy with their family and friends upon returning home, however, we will not know until they return the winning company. Currently deployed with 2/9 Marines are graduates of the battalion from the class of 2010. If we hadn’t had this connection, we would not have been able to participate with this great cause. I have been in contact with the Family Readiness Officer throughout the course of our participation, and they have been so appreciative for our contributions. The 2nd Battalion 9th Marines Division is currently deployed to Afghanistan and is due to return sometime this summer.

Other odds and ends that members of the Battalion have participated in include work with the Lincoln City Mission and the Lincoln Food Bank. At the Lincoln City Mission, we helped out at their distribution center. We helped clean and organize the rooms that are used by visitors while they are shopping for food and goods that include clothes, toys, furniture, and other various household items. At the Food Bank, midshipmen helped collect and organize food and money donations during the Rocky Mangenelli Swap Meet. Being able to participate with both of these organizations has provided future events and opportunities to be possible. We look forward to work further with each and begin participating with other local organizations this coming year.

MIDN Walter served as the community affairs officer for the spring semester.
Community Service Press Releases

People’s City Mission Distribution Center
February 11, 2012
Seven midshipmen from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Unit at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln took time on Saturday, February 11, to volunteer at the People’s City mission in Lincoln. During their time at the mission’s distribution center, the group cleaned floors and shelves, sorted boxes of food, and helped organize supplies. The weekend proved to be a good time for the midshipmen to help, as the center is busy serving Lincoln’s needy during the weekdays. The group was happy to help where needed and – in the end – gained a better understanding of the value of service in our community. (MIDN 3/c Larson)

Gear Tech 21 LEGO League Event
February 18, 2012
Eight midshipmen from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program volunteered their time to support the Gear Tech-21 LEGO League event at the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland, Nebraska on Saturday, February 18th, 2012. Students, elementary through high school, had the opportunity to participate in a LEGO robotics tournament in order to introduce the future engineers and scientists to real-world, problem solving challenges. The teams presented their aptitude for Science, Engineering Technology and Mathematics (STEM) by navigating obstacles and completing different missions using a programmed, automated robot built from LEGO parts. The midshipmen provided event assistance by participating as judges, practice area managers, and floor directors in order to allow the teams to learn critical thinking, communication and team-building skills. The midshipmen truly enjoyed contributing to the volunteer efforts and were enthusiastic to lend a hand to the students who plan to pursue careers in the challenging fields of science and technology. (MIDN 2/c Stone)

The Big Event
April 21, 2012
Fourteen midshipmen participated in the Big Event, held on Saturday, April 21st. The Big Event is a campus-wide community service day sponsored by the university. Estimates put this year’s number of volunteers around 2,400 students. Volunteers are given a service projects to do in and around the Lincoln community. The midshipmen who volunteered were divided into three groups and were sent to three private residences. One group assisted a family in moving a pile of dirt and pulling up an old concrete pavers in her back lawn. Another group helped an elderly couple by clearing leaves and branches from their lawn, and the final group cleaned windows and painted a porch. The tasks were varied, but the experience of all of the midshipmen was the same. Everyone gains something from volunteering. The group was happy to help, and happy to give back to the Lincoln community. (MIDN 3/c Larson)
Clockwise from top: 1) MIDN Stone salutes during a wreath laying ceremony before the holidays in December. Several midshipmen helped to lay the wreathes on veterans’ graves before the ceremony. 2) Midshipmen at the LEGO convention pose next to an Air Force jet. 3) MIDN Tomlinson sorts boxes of donated food at the People’s City Mission 4) MIDN Svoboda empties a wheelbarrow of dirt at the base of a tree during a service project for the big event.
Drill Team and the Tulane Drill Competition

Drill Team Competes, Places 13th
By MIDN 1/c Adam Flannery and MIDN 2/c Evelyn Boland

This year, drill practice started the first week of school; with a large number of new freshman still wet behind the ears, Gunnery Sergeant Aguilar knew he needed all the time he could get. Midshipmen on the drill team must sacrifice much of their free time to become masters at drill, and not only did Gunnery Sergeant and I make them wake up early to drill, but we also made them practice in the afternoon to learn the tricky drill manual.

The upperclassmen had no advantage during drill this year. Everyone was on a level playing field. Instead of using the M1 Garand (which looks like it came straight from WWII movie), we upgraded our rifles to the M-16A2. All of the rifle manual had to be re-taught, including “Inspection Arms” which proved to be much more difficult with the M-16. However, the time and effort was well worth it. Once again we were afforded the opportunity to compete against the top universities in the country at the Mardi Gras Drill Competition in New Orleans.

At the competition, which was held from February 16-18, the UNL NROTC drill team competed in platoon drill, squad drill, and color guard. The Tulane Drill Meet was hosted by Tulane University. There were approximately 33 other schools in attendance ranging from the Air Force Academy to the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets to Savannah State University (HBU). The Nebraska team finished 7th in platoon drill, 10th in squad drill, 11th in color guard, and 13th overall.

After the meet, the team relaxed and celebrated with a team dinner on the historic Bourbon Street, eating the native

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On April 13, 2012, the NROTC Rifle/Pistol team began an eleven hour van ride which would deliver them in Memphis, Tennessee to compete in the Beale Street Drill meet. This year marked the first time in six years that the Big Red Battalion has sent its keen-eyed ambassadors to participate in a marksmanship competition. None of the midshipmen that competed had ever participated in a marksmanship competition, and some of them had never fired a weapon prior to joining the team. With these facts at hand, it may come as a bit of a surprise to hear that the team placed second overall in the marksmanship category.

In preparation for the meet, the team honed its skills with battalion supplied rifles and pistols. Under the careful tutelage of our active-duty personnel; GySgt Aguilar, Sgt Muller, and Officer Candidate Roberts, the team quickly became familiar with their weapons and the intended course of fire for the competition. With meetings occurring only once per week, time was a critical factor, but in just a few months, the collective skill of the team’s shooters had increased exponentially.

While in Memphis, the team represented the battalion and the university very well, and managed to have some fun in the process. The competition itself took place on April 14 and consisted of standing, kneeling, and prone positions for the rifle.

MIDN Cleaveland takes aim with a pistol at the Memphis shooting meet, April, 2012.

MIDN Flannery was the drill commander for the 2011-12 academic year. MIDN Boland accompanied the drill team to Tulane as the designated public affairs officer.
The Endurance Team was recreated at UNL NROTC this year with some specific goals in mind. All of which were met due to the hard work and dedication of every member of the team. This year the team endeavored to create a cohesive unit that would be nationally competitive in endurance competitions, to foster mental toughness and physical strength and to begin preparing midshipmen interested in Naval Special Warfare for the rigors associated with summer training of that type. The team also provided its members the opportunity to hold each other accountable to standards both in and out of the battalion.

In a week’s time, the members of the Endurance Team will likely log more than 15 hours of physical training. Exercise in a week’s time includes more than three miles of swimming, 15 miles of running, log PT and other exercises that are designed to encourage functional fitness and teamwork.

It is no small wonder, given the effort put forth by every member of the team, that the Endurance Team was able to earn a spot in the top three at the Texas A&M Commando Endurance Skills Competition. This competition drew teams from all over the country and pitted them against each other in a distance swim, log and distance runs, an obstacle and stamina course and a max pull-up competition. The success the E-Team enjoyed this year was in no small part due to their ability to work together.

After the successes the E-Team enjoyed in its inaugural year with the NROTC Battalion, it is likely that the Team will continue to grow, become more competitive and encompass new types of training to better prepare midshipmen for their endeavors in the Navy.

MIDN Glendenning served as the commander for the newly-created Endurance Team for the spring semester.
Clockwise from top: 1) MIDN Davidson and MIDN VonDerOhe celebrate Mardi Gras in New Orleans after the drill meet at Tulane. 2) MIDN Brown takes aim with a rifle at the meet in Memphis. 3) Finishing his laps in the pool, MIDN Glendenning competes in the swimming part of the Texas A&M meet. 4) MIDN Berg pulls himself along a rope during the challenge course at Texas A&M. 5) The color guard marches on the fields at Tulane University.
On the evening of January 23, 2012, astronaut and U.S. Navy Captain Mark Kelly spoke to a crowd of over 500 students, instructors, and staff members at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The lecture, long planned, came only one day after Kelly’s wife, Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords announced that she would be retiring from service with Congress to focus on her recovery from a January 2011 assassination attempt. Captain Kelly’s speech, entitled “Endeavor to Succeed,” was part of the Peter J. Hoagland Integrity in Public Service Lecture Series sponsored by the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

Before the public lecture, Captain Kelly held a private question and answer session. Midshipmen from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) at the university were invited to attend. Kelly spoke candidly about a number of topics. Those in attendance learned that Kelly had wanted to be an astronaut since he was a little boy, that or a New York Yankee shortstop. He also wanted to fly aircraft off of carriers. Kelly also spoke of his transition from an operational pilot on ships to a test pilot to an astronaut. After fielding questions ranging from the jurisdiction of the international space station to the future of manned space flight, Kelly ended by telling his audience that the U.S. space program, “Just needs people who can do things.” The Navy and the astronaut program simply need team players and problem solvers.

During the main lecture held an hour later, Captain Kelly discussed his remarkable career, his journeys into space, and insights from his personal life. He stressed several points in his speech, namely the importance of communication, the value of good leadership, and his relationship with his wife.

Kelly learned the necessity of clear, concise, and effective communication after he was almost shot down by U.S. Naval Forces on his first combat mission in the Gulf War. He had flown into Iranian airspace to avoid the Iraqi SAM missiles and had failed to detail his different flight plan to the Navy. He said, “There is never an excuse for not communicating with the people you work with.” Captain Kelly also noted the value of leadership before speaking tenderly of Gabby Giffords, his wife of four years. Finally, Kelly said that 25 years in the Navy have taught him the value of teamwork and faith in God and fellow man. He closed his speech with a maxim from his wife: “Deny the acceptance of failure, she [Giffords] tells me every day.”

The midshipmen from the university were honored to meet Captain Kelly and learned much from his remarks in both the question and answer session and the lecture.

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Mark Kelly is one of the nation’s most experienced pilots; he has logged more than 6,000 flight hours in more than 50 different aircraft and has more than 375 carrier landings as a naval aviator. He flew 39 combat missions in the Gulf War. He flew four missions aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor, serving as its commander on its last mission.

Kelly retired from the Navy and from NASA’s astronaut corps in October of last year.

Six Midshipmen Head to Notre Dame for Leadership Conference

A Learning Experience

By MIDN 4/c Tyler Sheets and MIDN 3/c Jonathan Larson

Six midshipmen and the naval science instructors at UNL had the opportunity to attend the Notre Dame Leadership Conference at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana from February 23 through the 27th. The trip was an experience, filled with excellent speakers, great programs, and a chance for the six midshipmen to get to know one another.

A lot was learned from the speakers at the event. The first speaker was the Honorable Sean Stackley, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He was followed by Colonel A.E. Renforth, a Marine who wasn’t afraid to speak his mind. Each speaker had a lot to say, and all the knowledge learned from their speeches and lecture only enhanced the trip. Other notable speakers included Commissioner William Osterdorff of the Nuclear Regulatory Committee, Major General Jerome Cooper, USMC (Ret), and Captain Steve Malloy, USN (Ret).

Though all the speeches were enlightening, everyone on the trip agreed that the Major General Cooper was truly inspiring. As the first African-American to command a Marine infantry company, his story was one of struggle and overcoming adversity, and we were honored to hear from him.

Two midshipmen from each of the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes attended. MIDNs Boland, Davidson, Brown, (Continued from page 24)

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Larson, Sheets, and former MIDN Chanlynn went to Notre Dame with LT Stone and LT Long. For more perspective on the trip, MIDN Sheets has prepared the following paragraphs.

Shortly after getting on the road driving to Notre Dame, it was clear that this would be a bonding experience. After our eight hour drive, we checked into our rooms and shortly after went down stairs for some pizza and a chance to meet our peers. All the other midshipmen were very much like us except a certain few. Talking about our different experiences so far helped open my eyes as to what is going on at other NROTC programs. Following that we hit our racks for some rest for the next day.

On Friday, February 24, after a good breakfast, we made our way to the first of the presentations. I learned a lot from these presentations. I thought, “Okay, he will just tell us about some experiences he had and how they apply to the navy, and he’ll be done”. Was I ever wrong! My mind was assaulted with so much useful information; my hand could hardly keep up writing everything the first speaker was saying. And it didn’t stop at the first presentation. We were battered with amazing knowledge and insight all day long.

The next day brought more of the same, except that I had the privilege of being chosen to go to a lunch with the presenters. This meal proved to be one of the highlights of the trip as I received some one-on-one time with a pilot whose knowledge was endless. After the day concluded, we were treated to a meal by the lieutenants and discussed what we had learned from the presenters. Luckily, Act of Valor was showing at a nearby theatre, so we thought it would be appropriate for the team to go and see it.

On the return trip, we reflected on all of the information we absorbed when we weren’t sleeping. All in all, the trip was probably one of the best experiences I have had with NROTC so far. If I had to pick a couple key points I learned, I would have to say that you need the desire to get what you want and to not stop until you achieve that goal. Always put your men before yourself and treat them with the dignity and respect they deserve. Finally, the mission is the overall goal, so if sacrifices need to be made, then use a clear and level head to make smart decisions. Even though the conference lasted a few days, I will always remember the information and leadership advice I received for the rest of my life.
The Big Red Road Show
By MIDN 3/c Alex Cleaveland

On March 4th, we participated in the 10th annual Big Red Road Show, which took place at the Century Link Event Center in Omaha, Nebraska. The Big Red Road Show is a college fair of sorts, which showcases every department, and many clubs, that are offered at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The goal of our participation was to speak with area high-school students, and to inform them of the benefits they might experience by taking notice of the Naval ROTC program at UNL. Nine midshipmen participated in this recruiting event, including Navy, Marine, and Nurse Option midshipmen, ranging from freshman to senior. Our midshipmen represented their battalion very well, and we returned to Lincoln with the names of 30 potential future midshipmen.

MIDN Cleaveland was the recruiting officer for the spring semester. He participated in and planned several events.

Mess Night Gives Midshipmen a Chance to Reflect and Have Fun

Mess Night Held, Fines Levied
By MIDN 1/c Josh Curry

A Marine Corps mess night is a formal dinner and ceremony having strict rules, fines, toasts, and responses. It is traditionally a Marine event, but the midshipmen and staff at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have made the event all-inclusive. The event is held in the spring semester every year with the goal to foster camaraderie among the midshipmen. During the event, everyone is served dinner, and once everyone has been served, the floor is open for fining. This is when individuals from the battalion come forward with embarrass-
The weekend of April 6 and 7, 2012 marked the culminating event of the year for Marine Detachment (MarDet), University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This two-day field exercise represented the final test for our MarDet students attending Officer Candidates School this summer and acted as a general test of mettle for the entire detachment.

These students spent two semesters studying, taking tests, and utilizing practical applications of their ever-growing knowledge base in order to prepare for this event. Phase I consisted of weekly classes, along with multiple Marine Corps Training Operations physical training sessions per week; each student underwent a mental, physical and moral transformation that was subsequently put to practice at Red Thunder. Phase II was the actual training event itself, acting as a Super Bowl of sorts for the students to prove what they have learned and applied over the past few months.

The training event was initiated with an unprecedented ballad of Inter-service Operations and months of meticulous planning that consisted of a helicopter raid on an urban environment. This operation afforded the students with an opportunity that no other NROTC unit in the United States has been given. After performing above and beyond expectation during the urban raid, the students under-
went a grueling 24 hours of mental and physical tests. This included events such as night land navigation, a 12 mile hike and 8 Squad in the Offense scenarios. These events built moral, mental and physical courage and esprit de corps, allowing the students to work together in order to overcome the stress of the training environment. Squad in the Offense served as the final graded event for the students, allowing them to each take the responsibility of a leadership role in varying military scenarios designed to test their leadership capabilities and tactical proficiency.

All of the students performed above expectation, and proved to the instructor staff that they want to become Marine Corps officers. The MarDet staff will continue teaching and training the students, preparing them for future training operations and their eventual entrance into the Fleet. To all those who participated, be proud of your accomplishments and take what you have learned to your summer cruises. As always, however, be prepared for next year and expect more responsibility as a new crop of freshmen joins our outstanding unit.

As a senior Marine Option, MIDN Whitted has been heavily involved in training and mentoring the younger members of the Marine Detachment.
Midshipmen Bonding

Over the spring semester, midshipmen in the battalion had two opportunities to get to know one another better.

The first event, which took place on March 25, was a challenge climbing course. Midshipmen played games and were then divided into teams to begin climbing. One person climbed and was connected by rope to three more people on the ground. Midshipmen learned, among other things, how to work as a team and the value of communication.

On April 12, midshipmen attended the spring picnic. A dodgeball tournament was held before the meal. Both events were a fun and gave midshipmen a chance to relax.

Top: Before the climbing at the challenge course, midshipmen play a game of tag. Above: MIDN Dawson and MIDN Brown tackle a portion of the climbing structure. Each climber was attached to a team on the ground to hold their weight, March, 2012. Left: To begin the spring picnic, members of the battalion played dodgeball. Here, players grab the balls on the centerline at the beginning of the game, April, 2012.

MIDN Prewett planned the excursion to the challenge climbing course, and MIDN Svoboda, P. was in charge of the spring picnic.
Every spring, ROTC Cadets and Midshipmen have the great opportunity to participate in a time honored ceremony known as the Chancellor’s Review. It is a chance for all ROTC members to be recognized by their university for the extreme amount of hard work that is put in during the course of the entire year. Scholarships and awards are given to a select number of Cadets and Midshipmen based on criteria such as leadership and academic excellence. This past Review, held on April 19, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman was away in China and as a result, the Cadets and Midshipmen had the pleasure of being reviewed and spoken to by the Assistant to the Chancellor for Community Relations, Michelle Waite. Ms. Waite herself has ties to the military with her older son, Cody, being stationed with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Several midshipmen received awards and scholarships at the Review. Major Alex Ramthun and Gunnery Sergeant Ruben Aguilar were also honored with awards. Major Ramthun received the Colonel Leo A. Codd Memorial Award, and GySgt Aguilar was honored with the USAA Non-Commissioned Officer Award. Both were recognized for their outstanding leadership within the unit.

As a result of the Department of the Navy’s recent funding reductions, scholarships are becoming less available to outstanding candidates at the UNL NROTC Battalion. Nothing can completely take away the burden placed on these Midshipmen who have a love for this Nation and its great Navy and Marine Corps deep enough to aspire to serve their country on their own dime. This ceremony, however, can offer some help for those motivated individuals.

MIDN Harrington accepts an award at Chancellor’s Review from Michelle Waite. April, 2012.
Clockwise from top: 1) Captain Whiting and Commander Wesley participate in dodgeball at the spring picnic. The staff team won the tournament. 2) MIDN Boland and MIDN Larson pose in the skybox of the Notre Dame stadium before the final banquet of the ND Leadership Conference. 3) The battalion, led by MIDN Flannery “pass in review” during Chancellor’s Review. 4) MIDN Davidson takes a break during the Red Thunder training. 5) MIDN Koch and MIDN Whitted climb the challenge tower on the confidence course blindfolded and tethered together.
Clubs and Student Organizations

Registered Student Organizations can enhance college life by allowing students to participate in events and activities in a group setting. UNL has hundreds of these clubs, but two of them are very much associated with the battalion: the Semper Fi Society and the Naval Professional Development Society.

These clubs allow midshipmen to come together as a group to learn and have fun. A majority of members in the battalion are involved with one of the groups.

Semper Fi Society

Semper Fi is an organization that is comprised mainly of students that are interested in becoming a Marine Corps Officer. MECEP students and Marine Option Midshipman are heavily encouraged to participate in this organization. However, membership is open to Navy Option Midshipman as well as any UNL student with an interest.

Semper Fi participates in a number of annual fundraising and social events. These events include a traditional bowling night and a traditional Mess Night. Lastly, student members are highly involved with social functions such as picnics, gatherings, and intramural sports.

Club Officers (2011-2012 Academic Year)
President: Jared Mar
Vice-president: James Brown
Treasurer: Alex Cleaveland
Operations: Stephen Glendenning

Naval Professional Development Society

The purpose of the NPDS is to aid in the development of midshipmen as officers and gentlemen/women in the United States Naval services. The goals of the society are to foster a spirit of camaraderie between shipmates of the UNL NROTC Battalion and to imbue midshipmen with further knowledge of Naval history, customs traditions, and other professional knowledge.

Club Officers (2011-2012 Academic Year)
President: Michael Schiavone
Vice-president: Michael Koch
Treasurer: Jonathan Larson
Secretary: Alyssa Wolken

One of the society's major events every year is the cake cutting ceremony for the birthday of the US Navy.
There are four different routes a NROTC Midshipman can choose to go upon starting their freshman year: surface warfare, aviation, submarines, and Nursing. In our Battalion, there are a total of three Nurse Option midshipmen, two juniors, currently in nursing school, and a sophomore, who was just accepted. Our program is quite a bit different from other Midshipmen. While other scholarship students attend summer cruise training after their freshman year, nurse options typically spend this summer attending summer courses. After our sophomore year, if summer courses are still necessary, it may be possible to attend summer cruise, but in some cases the scheduling of courses and phases of cruise do not match up well enough to accommodate for both. After our junior year, we attend our First Class cruise at a Naval Hospital for four weeks. Here we float around the different units and help out with what we can in our scope of practice and observe everything else.

We start off with everyone else in the first two years of school while we do our prerequisite courses, which include Biology, Microbiology, Anatomy, Physiology, and many social science courses. In the Fall semester of our Sophomore year is when we begin applying to the University of Nebraska Medical Center—College of Nursing. The application consists of an essay where we talk about why we want to be a nurse, and more importantly, why we want to attend UNMC. Upon being accepted, the paperwork begins. There are a few

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summer assignments that are to be completed before beginning in the fall, as well as a good number of shots and lab tests that have to be done. Once all of the requirements are completed, we begin classes in August the following semester. This is where our time in the Battalion begins to change. With the program at UNMC, we have lecture classes and clinical experiences that must be completed. Many of our clinical hours interrupt either Battalion PT or Naval Lab, preventing us from being able to be as involved within the Battalion as we would like to be. We may not miss anything one week, and the next we may not be around at all due to the variations in clinical schedules.

My experience in the nursing program so far has been a positive one. I have been learning a lot about the different areas of nursing by going to the different clinical experiences. The most interesting one by far has been the Psychiatric rotation. Although I do not think I will work as a Psychiatric nurse, I gained a greater appreciation for this area and a better understanding of the patients who receive their care. One clinical experience that I was able to participate in and really enjoyed was a Wound Care Clinical. At this clinical, I got to watch and help in the caring for different wounds, and I learned a lot about different types of wounds and wound dressings.

From all of my clinical experiences, which have included med-surg, psychiatric, a senior center, and nursery, I have enjoyed the wound care the most. I will have more experiences in the upcoming year, to include the ER, critical care, and a pediatric unit, all of which will give me greater insight on what I may want to specialize in. We have had a few opportunities to speak with Naval Nurses and Naval Medical personnel, who have brought up “Blue” and “Green” medical. Going “Blue” means that you would work mostly with Sailors and their families on Naval bases, and going “Green” means that you would work more with Marines and their families on Marine bases. Having grown up in a Marine family, I am leaning more towards going

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“Green,” however I am keeping my opportunities open and will not make a final decision until the time comes next year. I have also been thinking of where I may want to be stationed. My upcoming summer cruise will most likely be in Bethesda, Maryland at Walter-Reed National Medical Center. I chose Bethesda because they have one of the largest Wounded Warrior programs and given a chance to work with the unit would be one that I would never pass up. Walter-Reed is in the progress of becoming a joint forces hospital, merging Naval and Army medical units, to provide the greatest care possible. I am looking forward to seeing how this merge synchronizes the care between the two branches and to be a part of the changes.

In addition to her nursing studies, MIDN Walter served as the Community Service Officer for the spring 2012 semester.

Nursing is a Different but Needed Path

Why I Want to Be a Nurse

By MIDN 2/c Stacey Alt

When you hear about NRÖTC you think of the Naval officers that will be flying planes or conning ships and submarines. However, there is another group of midshipmen that is sometimes forgotten. Nurse options follow a different path to commissioning which causes us to sometimes be overlooked. While other MIDN are taking calculus and physics we focus on science classes of biology, anatomy, physiology and microbiology. Instead of taking weapons systems or navigation we take nutrition, chemistry and statistics. Although our paths to commissioning vary between the two, nurse options are still an essential to the program and the Navy.

Nurse options are a small, close knit group that works together towards becoming Naval nurses that will someday support, treat and help members of the Navy and their families. I chose to pursue nursing because I wanted to care for people and help them. My interest in nursing started when I was young. My garage was my hospital and my stuffed animals were my patients. My surgical instruments consisted of tape, scissors, spoons and whatever I could find in my Dad’s tool box. Since then, those stuffed animals are stowed in a box somewhere, but passion for being a nurse is still very alive. My definition of a nurse is someone who has a passion and desire to care for the sick and needy. A nurse is someone who is there to provide for you professionally but also someone who genuinely cares for you and is there for you through hardship and sickness.

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This scholarship allows me to go to school to study to be a nurse and once I graduate college, I get commissioned into the Navy as a naval nurse officer. This scholarship allows me to do the two things I’ve always dreamed up doing; being in the Navy and being a nurse. I know that the road to becoming a naval nurse isn’t easy but I’m fully prepared to face any challenges I’m presented with. I’m determined to be a nurse and my passion is only fuel to help me overcome the physical and emotional challenges that nursing school may present me with. The endless studying, hours of clinical and constant paperwork all pays off when I know that someday I’ll be the nurse I’ve always wanted to be: one that not only cares for the patient but makes them feel better inside and out.

I am completely confident that I can be the best nurse possible, and I will do whatever it takes to fulfill my dream of becoming and nurse and serving in the United States Navy.

*Midn Alt was the Academic Officer for the spring semester.*
Clockwise from top: 1) Midshipmen practice their sailing on Branched Oak Lake, north of Lincoln. Here, three sailboats come in for a break. 2) MIDN Mar inspects MIDN Sheets during a battalion inspection. An inspection not only involves the appearance of the uniform but also general knowledge questions. 3) The battalion intramural soccer team poses for a picture after a game. 4) Lieutenant Stone demonstrates how to take down an opponent during a naval training session. 5) In order to gain a commission, a midshipmen must be a qualified swimmer. In January, all third-class swimmers were tested in order to become second-class qualified. 6/7) Midshipmen are given the opportunity to talk with service members of all communities during a visit from Strategic Command in Omaha. 8) Practicing drill can be fun for some.
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Gunnery Sergeant Ruben Aguilar, USMC

Gunnery Sergeant Ruben Aguilar, hailing from McGregor, Texas, is 1994 graduate of the Marine Corps Recruit Training at San Diego, CA. He has served in a number of capacities during his Marine Corps career and reported to the University of Nebraska as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor in 2008.

“Thank you for everything you have taught me over the years! This unit will be at a loss, but the Marine Corps will be a better place with you back in the fleet. Hope to see you out there.” - MIDN Chris Whitted

“Gunnery Sergeant, there are few that can compete with your leadership, bearing, knowledge, and professionalism. You have motivated me to excel and always to better.” - MIDN Jared Mar

“Thank you for the advice, inspiration, and motivation you have given us in the past three years. You will be missed.” - MIDN Stacey Alt
Lieutenant Wayne Long, USN

Lieutenant Wayne Long was raised in Albany, Ga. After high school graduation, he enlisted in the Navy in 1997 and completed Naval Nuclear Power Program’s enlisted training. He qualified submarines on the USS PORTSMOUTH in 1999 and completed a WESTPAC deployment. He was selected for the Naval ROTC scholarship program in 2000 and graduated from Auburn University in 2005. He served on the USS PHILADELPHIA while completing two CENTCOM deployments. He reported to the University of Nebraska as the Submarine Warfare Officer in 2010.

“Thank you for all your help and guidance, sir. You have taught me a lot, and I will never forget how a gas turbine engine works thanks to your naval engineering class.” - MIDN Danny Snow

“Thank you for the example you set as a great naval officer.” - MIDN Jonathan Larson

Lieutenant Christopher Stone, USN

A native of El Paso, Texas, Lieutenant Chris Stone is a 2005 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, attaining a Bachelors of Science degree in General Science and commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy. He served on several ships, including the USS DENVER and the USS STOCKDALE. In August of 2010 Lieutenant Stone reported to the University of Nebraska as the Surface Warfare Advisor.

“Thank you for everything, sir! It was fun having you here, and we are thankful for the guidance you have given us. Best of luck!” - MIDN Chris Fulk

“Thank you for all your guidance and advice. I’d be a minesweeper if you hadn’t talked me out of it.” - MIDN Robert Svoboda

“Thanks for making us smile even when we were doing something we’d rather not do.” - MIDN Christine Harrington
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- **20 Aug 2012**: First day of fall 2012 classes at UNL.
- **13-16 Oct 2012**: Fall Break for all students at UNL.
- **19-20 Oct 2012**: Exercise Red Lightning 01-12 for Marines and Marine Option students in Meade, NE.
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