



The University of Texas at Austin
Naval ROTC



The Longhorn Log 17-18



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The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps was established at the University of Texas at Austin in 1940 with the goal of developing midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty in order to commission college

graduates as naval officers. Seventy-eight years later the same goal holds true. Military skills and knowledge are passed down to each midshipman inside and outside the classroom. These skills provide a foundation for success in the NROTC program and for future success in the Navy and Marine Corps.

This past year we have come together through many activities. Platoon integrity is built at drill sessions and at early morning PT. A sense of pride and accomplishment are felt while running in formation to cadence and marching step by step at attention. The perfection of routine drill pays off when the platoon and senior drill competition comes around.

Soccer ball retrieval and baseball foul ball retrieval provide the battalion with funds, making other activities possible. Funds raised are put to use in many events, bringing a little competition and camaraderie to the battalion. The UT vs. OU football game inspires the classic Run to Dallas. This year we introduced other activities in addition to the flag football game against OU to get more midshipmen involved in the UT and OU rivalry. Intramural sports bring camaraderie as well as much needed stress relief to those who participate. This year, the pistol and rifle team and the endurance team had the privilege to attend the University of Colorado, Boulder Competition. The hard work by those involved paid off.

More traditional events that take place for the UT NROTC are the Captain's Cup and seasonal military balls. Captain's Cup puts platoon against platoon in various tests of physical fitness, drill, and academics. The best platoon is given the title of "Honor Platoon". The Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball allows the battalion to show off its military pride and tradition. This event is a precursor to the decorum and ceremony of the fleet. This year we also brought back the Leadership Reaction Course. This event gives midshipmen the opportunity to gain insightful knowledge to how they perform as small unit leaders in various obstacles. This event also builds camaraderie.

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Texas at Austin provides students with a foundation for a career as an officer in the United States Navy or Marine Corps. The success of the UTNROTC mission is measured by each newly commissioned officer it releases to the fleet. Honor, courage, and commitment are the cornerstones of every sailor and marine. Hook 'em horns!

Captain Brian Teets



CAPT Brian Teets, a native of Urbana, OH received his commission in March of 1990 through the Navy ROTC program at Ohio State University where he earned a BSBA in Production and Operations Management.

His first tour was with the "Swampfoxes" of HSL-44 at NAS Mayport, FL, flying the SH-60B helicopter. Serving three years with HSL-44, he deployed to the Arabian Gulf embarked in USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (FFG-58) and in USS VICKSBURG (CG-69) to the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas.

CAPT Teets' first shore tour in 1995 was as Aide to the Commander, Naval Training Center Great Lakes, IL, and then to the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, FL, dual-

hatted as the Director of Navy Training, CNO (N7).

He reported aboard the Norfolk, VA-based USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) in 1997 as the Operations Administration Officer where he qualified as Officer of the Deck and deployed in 1998 to the Arabian Gulf taking part in Operation DESERT FOX.

In 2000 CAPT Teets joined the HSL-45 "Wolfpack" stationed at NAS North Island, CA. Embarked in USS INGRAHAM (FFG-61) he deployed to the Indian Ocean/Arabian Gulf with the CARL VINSON Battle Group in 2001 for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Completing his tour as squadron Operations Officer, he detached in 2002 and reported to the Officer Plans and Promotions office on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (N1).

CAPT Teets next reported to the National War College for the 2005/2006 academic year graduating with a MS in National Security Strategy. Concurrently, he earned a MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2006. He reported as Executive Officer of the HSL-37 "Easyriders" aboard MCBH at Kaneohe Bay, HI in February 2007 and assumed command in May 2008. In August 2009 he completed his command tour and reported to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5) where he specialized in International Security Cooperation and Foreign Military Sales policy.

Following his tour as Executive Officer, CAPT Teets assumed command of the amphibious assault ship USS WASP (LHD-1) in July 2013 and conducted at-sea testing trials for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, and executed a \$250M ship modernization overhaul.

In June 2015 he assumed command of the Naval ROTC Unit at the University of Texas at Austin.

Commander George Floyd



Commander George Allen Floyd hails Southeast Texas. Immediately following high school graduation, CDR Floyd began undergraduate studies in biology pre-medicine at the University of Texas in Austin. After four years of undergraduate studies, he joined the Navy in May of 1989, attending boot camp in Orlando, Florida as a Machinist's Mate.

Following boot camp, CDR Floyd attended and completed Nuclear Field A School and Nuclear Power School, also in Orlando. He then qualified Mechanical Operator at the S1C prototype in Windsor, CT. He was awarded a four-year NROTC scholarship to attend Prairie View A&M University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1994. He earned a Masters in Epidemiology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2001.

His sea tours include assignment as Communications / CMS Custodian / Assistant Safety Officer aboard USS THORN (DD 988), followed by assignment as Reactor Mechanical Division Officer / Repair 7 Locker Officer aboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN69) from November 1997 to May 2000. He was next detailed as the Operations Officer aboard USS GARY (FFG-51) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan as a member of 7th Fleet Forward Deployed Naval Forces where he completed qualification as TAO from August 2002 to March 2004. He next transferred to USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) as the Reactor Training Assistant, Surface Warfare Officer program coordinator and Senior Watch Officer Coordinator for Reactor Department, and Professional Nuclear Engineering (PNEO) program coordinator from April 2004 until December 2007. He then served as Executive Office for USS KIDD (DDG-100). Following his tour aboard KIDD, he then transferred to USS NIMITZ (CVN68) where he served as Assistant Reactor Officer from March 2011 until December 2013.

His shore assignments include Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, FL, where he completed the Officer Program for the Naval Nuclear training program. He next attended and completed the prerequisite prototype training in Ballston Spa, New York at the MARF prototype facility. He next reported to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command Cruise Missile Support Activity as the Automated Data Processing Center Division Officer. While stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, he also completed his Master's Degree in Public Health (Epidemiology). On his transfer from the Cruise Missile Support Activity, he attended the Surface Warfare Officer's School Department Head Course in Newport, Rhode Island. While attached to USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, he completed a 10 month IA assignment to IRAQ ISO the counter RCIED effort. His next shore assignment was to Commander Naval Air Forces (CNAF) staff for Carrier Maintenance (N43) where he served as Maintenance Coordinator for USS CARL VINSON (CVN70). He completed Senior Course 124 at the NATO DEFENSE College in Rome from Jan-Jul 2014. He served as Director of Surface Operations for Military Sealift Command Europe and Africa / Combined Task Force 63 from August 2014-June 2017. He is currently serving as the Executive Officer / Associate Professor of Naval Science at the University of Texas (Austin) NROTC program.

CDR Floyd has been married to his wife Jennifer since 2004, and they share three beautiful daughters.

Captain Jonathan Grubb



Captain Jonathan J. Grubb, a New Jersey native, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in October 2000. After earning a B.S. in Workforce Education and Curriculum Development from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Captain Grubb was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and commissioned through Officer Candidate School in December 2010. After commissioning, Second Lieutenant Grubb reported to The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia, and graduated in July 2011. Upon graduation from TBS, Second Lieutenant Grubb reported to Aviation Maintenance Officer Course in Milton, Florida.

In October 2011, Second Lieutenant Grubb reported to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 361 in San Diego, California. In July 2012, he deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. There, he served as the Maintenance Material Control Officer and was promoted to First Lieutenant in December 2012.

In March 2013, First Lieutenant Grubb reported to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 16 in San Diego, California, and was assigned as the Power Plants Division Officer as well as AIRSpeed Division Officer. In June 2013, he participated in Operation DAWN BLITZ, serving as the Aviation Combat Element Aircraft Maintenance Officer aboard the USNS Curtiss.

In July 2014, First Lieutenant Grubb reported to MALS-49 in Newburgh, New York, for service as the Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer and Operations Officer. In September 2014, he was frocked to the rank of Captain and assumed the role and responsibilities of Marine Aircraft Group 49 Aircraft Maintenance Officer. During this tour, Captain Grubb applied for the Marine Officer Instructor (MOI) selection board and was selected for duty as the MOI for the University of Texas in Austin. He reported to his current assignment in July 2016.

Captain Grubb is a graduate of Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, Virginia. His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (x2), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (x3), and numerous other personal and unit decorations.

Lieutenant Jonathan Hemler



Lieutenant Jonathan J. Hemler, a native of Central Pennsylvania, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science.

After commissioning, LT Hemler reported to NAS Pensacola, FL for initial flight training in 2012 and was designated a Naval Aviator in 2013. He reported to Norfolk, VA and completed flight training in the MH-

60S with the “Fleet Angels” of HSC-2 in 2014.

In April of 2014, LT Hemler became a proud member of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28 (HSC-28) in Norfolk, VA. As a “Dragon Whale” he deployed in support of the 24th MEU to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations onboard the USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7).

LT Hemler deployed once again in 2015 with a shore-based detachment to NSA Naples, Italy and served onboard USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) supporting U.S. 6th Fleet operations in the Baltic Sea. He concluded his tour at HSC-28 serving as Assistant Operations Officer until April 2017.

LT Hemler reported to the University of Texas NROTC in May 2017 as an Assistant Professor of Naval Science and air officer. He is married to Elise Hemler.

Lieutenant Tyler Arp



Lieutenant Tyler Arp, a native of Central Texas, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

He reported to Naval Nuclear Power Training Command (NNPTC) in Charleston, South Carolina to begin training for Submarine duty. LT Arp graduated from NNPTC in February 2012 and transferred

to Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC). Following completion of SOBC in June 2012, LT Arp attended Prototype training at NPTU Ballston Spa.

LT Arp reported to USS Hampton (SSN 767) in February 2013. During his tour, he served as the Damage Control Assistant, Assistant Engineer, Chemistry-Radiological Assistant, and Strike Officer. He completed two deployments to the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility and two deployments to the Arctic Ocean in support of ICEX 2014 and ICEX 2016.

LT Arp reported to NROTC University of Texas in April 2016 for duty as an Assistant Professor of Naval Science. LT Arp's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).

Gunnery Sergeant Gilberto T. Rosas



Gilberto T. Rosas was born and raised in Brownsville, Texas. After graduating from Hanna High School, he enlisted in the Marine Corps on June 15th, 1998 and underwent recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California.

In October of 1998, Private Rosas completed the Basic Field Wireman Course at Marine Corps Communication Electronics School in Twentynine Palms, California. He received orders to Marine Air Control Squadron-1 Yuma, Arizona where he was assigned as a Field Wireman to Wire Platoon. While with MACS-1 he participated in Weapons and Tactics Instruction exercises (WTI), as well as

Combined Arms Exercises (CAX). In December 1998 he was promoted to the rank of Private First Class. Lance Corporal Rosas was transferred in November 2000 to 7th Communication Battalion aboard Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan and was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

In June 2001, he was assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in support of the Joint Task Force Enabler. In July 2003, he was promoted to Sergeant. In November 2003, Sergeant Rosas received orders to 9th Communications Battalion in Camp Pendleton, California. From 2004 to 2008, he would be deployed to Fallujah, Iraq and Ramadi in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on three separate occasions serving in billets such as Section Non-Commissioned Officer, Platoon Chief, and Company Gunnery Sergeant as a Staff Sergeant. During his last deployment he would receive orders to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California where he served as a Drill Instructor for five cycles, a Senior Drill Instructor for two cycles, and a Chief Drill Instructor for two cycles.

In December 2011, upon his successful tour on the Drill Field, Gunnery Sergeant Rosas reported to Combat Logistics Regiment-37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan. He was assigned as the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of Wire Platoon. In April 2013, he was assigned as the Company Gunnery Sergeant of Communications Company.

In January 2015 he was selected as Assistant Marine Officer Instructor for the University of Texas at Austin where he currently serves. Gunnery Sergeant Rosas is married to Misato Rosas, and has three daughters, Mona, Mia, and Mae.

Gunnery Sergeant Samuel Linares



Samuel J. Linares was born and raised in Yuma, Arizona.

He enlisted on September 11, 2006 and underwent recruit training at Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California.

In February 2007, Private First Class Linares completed Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, CA. In March 2007, Private First Class Linares completed Enlisted Supply Basic School at Camp Johnson, NC. He was ordered to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, Twentynine Palms, CA, for duty where he completed two combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Lance Corporal Linares was “Combat Meritoriously” promoted to the rank of Corporal while

deployed. He served in a variety of billets from Fiscal Clerk to Unit Movement Coordination Chief.

Corporal Linares was promoted to the rank of Sergeant February 1, 2010. Sergeant Linares was transferred in February 2010 to Logistics Policy Division, Training and Education Command, Quantico, VA. Outside of his primary duties as a Table of Organization and Equipment Change Request Clerk, he was assigned numerous duties to include; Commanding General Inspection Program for supply, TECOM Color Sergeant, and Training NCO.

In September 2012, Sergeant Linares received orders to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. Upon completion of Drill Instructor School, he was assigned to Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, and Chief Drill Instructor. During Sgt Linares tour on Parris Island he served as an Academics Instructor, Physical Training Instructor, and Academics Testing SNCOIC for Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion. Sergeant Linares was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant on December 1, 2014. Staff Sergeant Linares completed his B.A. in Transportation and Logistics Management from the American Military University on December 12, 2014.

Staff Sergeant Linares was transferred in December 2015 to 1st Tank Battalion to serve as the Supply Section Chief. During SSgt Linares’ tour with 1st Tank Battalion he served as the battalion supply chief and was subject to multiple inspections by Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office (FSMAO) and Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE) receiving above the 90th percentile with no findings on all occasions. Staff Sergeant Linares was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant on February 1, 2018.

Gunnery Sergeant Linares was transferred in March 2018 to the University of Texas at Austin to serve as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. His personal awards include the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars.

Unit Staff

2017-2018



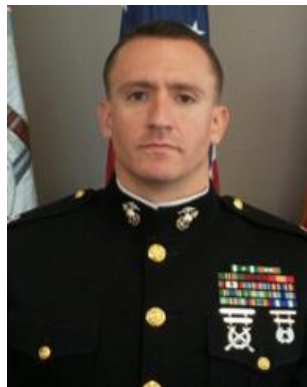
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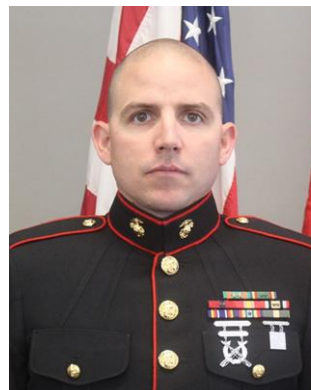
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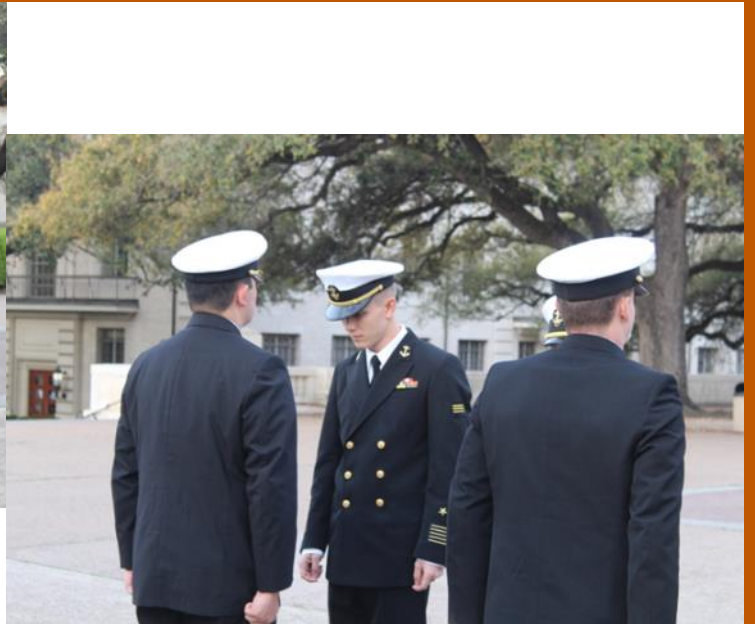


AMO



Battalion Commanding Officer
Battalion Executive Officer
Company Commander
Battalion Operations Officer
Assistant Operations Officer
Adjutant
Supply Officer
Public Affairs Officer
Training Officer
Physical Training Instructor
1st Platoon Commander
2nd Platoon Commander

1/C Rost
1/C Marks
1/C Summers
1/C Waddingham
1/C Barragan
1/C Pagio
1/C Corey
1/C Douglas
1/C Bohannon
1/C Carr
1/C Ryan
1/C Camacho



Fall 2017

Battalion





Spring 2018

Battalion





Battalion Commanding Officer

Battalion Executive Officer

Company Commander

Battalion Operations Officer

Assistant Operations Officer

Adjutant

Supply Officer

Public Affairs Officer

Training Officer

Physical Training Instructor

1st Platoon Commander

2nd Platoon Commander

Leatherneck Platoon Commander

1/C Corey

1/C Carr

1/C Bohannon

1/C Ryan

1/C Camacho

OC Largent

2/C Rogelstad

2/C Wagner

1/C Douglas

2/C Ravichandran

1/C Barragan

2/C Pagio

1/C Rubalcaba

Commissioning Seniors



Congratulations to the following midshipmen and enlisted Marines for overcoming the rigors of college and ROTC to become commissioned officers in our armed forces!

Four years of hard work and perseverance have prepared these newly commissioned officers for their earliest forays in the fleet, as future division officers, student aviators, student NFOs, and platoon commanders.

We wish them the best as they begin their thrilling journey.

MIDN 1/C Eric Barragan

Hometown

Laredo, TX

Major

Advertising

Reporting To

USS Paul Ignatius (DDG-117)

Advice to other MIDN

Develop your sense of consideration – the efforts you place towards planning, executing, and reviewing decisions. Undertaking research, pursuing honest feedback and accounting for the welfare of those you lead are just a few aspects of consideration I have discovered through trial-and-error. The key is to continue exercising your leadership, so do not pass up on opportunities.



MIDN 1/C Garrett Bohannon

Hometown

Liberty, TX

Major

Economics with Math Minor

Reporting To

USS Nitze in Norfolk, VA

Advice to other MIDN

You can always work harder.

MIDN 1/C Sebastian Camacho

Hometown

Bogota, Columbia

Major

Economics

Reporting To

NAS Pensacola, FL

Advice to other MIDN

Make sure you enjoy everything college has to offer.





MIDN 1/C Ryan Carr

Hometown

Cumming, GA

Major

Mathematics

Reporting To

NAS Pensacola, FL

Advice to other MIDN

Set lofty goals, and do everything you can get to reach those goals. Volunteer for things, and do your best and you'll reach those goals.

MIDN 1/C Jeremy Cerf

Hometown

Frisco, TX

Major

History

Reporting To

The Basic School, Quantico, VA

Advice to other MIDN

A good attitude is contagious. Humor goes a long way. When the pressure is on, put your head down and grind.



MIDN 1/C Matthew Corey

Hometown
Heath, TX

Major
Chemistry

Reporting To
Naval Nuclear Power Training Command,
Charleston, SC

Advice to other MIDN

Get involved on campus, outside of NROTC. Join clubs or organizations, as it is a great way to meet new people, make some friends, and have interactions with people who share different experiences from yourself. Become an officer and leader in one of those organizations, and practice working with others outside of a military construct.



MIDN 1/C Austin Douglas

Hometown
Bay Village, OH

Major
Electrical Engineering

Reporting To
Monterey, CA

Advice to other MIDN

If you are going to do something then do it right.



MIDN 1/C Joshua Marks

Hometown

Eliot, ME

Major

Civil Engineering

Reporting To

NAS Pensacola, FL

Advice to other MIDN

Adopt the "I intend" mentality. Rather than asking the next person in your chain of command what you should do or for permission, you should present your intended plan of action.



MIDN 1/C Parker Rost

Hometown

Las Vegas, NV

Major

Economics

Reporting To

The Basic School, Quantico, VA

Advice to other MIDN

"Say what you mean and mean what you say." -
General George S. Patton

MIDN 1/C Charles Ryan

Hometown

Camden, NC

Major

Chemistry

Reporting To

NAS Pensacola, FL

Advice to other MIDN

There are many opportunities that our program offers. I would take advantage of those opportunities while you still can.



MIDN 1/C Benjamin Summers

Hometown

Fort Worth, TX

Major

Mechanical Engineering

Reporting To

Naval Nuclear Power Training Command,
Charleston, SC

Advice to other MIDN

First and foremost, understand why you want to serve. Then work hard to become excellent in every area, not neglecting to build relationships and character along the way.



SSgt Mallory VanderSchans

Hometown

Elk Grove, CA

Major

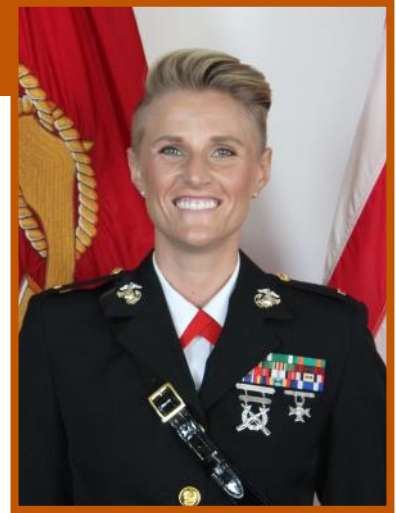
Advertising

Reporting To

The Basic School, Quantico, VA

Advice to other MIDN

Don't let doors close on opportunities. Always be prepared to go through it.



MIDN 1/C Matthew Waddingham

Hometown

Kingsville, TX

Major

Civil Engineering

Reporting To

Nuclear Power School—Goose Creek, SC

Advice to other MIDN

Focus on the light at the end of the tunnel and take advantage of every opportunity you have to grow as a person during your time at UT/HT. Figure out who you want to be upon graduation and immediately start molding yourself into that person. Have a lot of fun, but never forget that you're here to become part of something bigger than yourself.

Summer 2018

MIDN 1/C Rachel Pagio

Major
Excercise Science
Reporting To
NAS Pensacola, FL



MIDN 1/C Priscilla Rubalcaba

Major
Biology
Reporting To
The Basic School, Quantico, VA

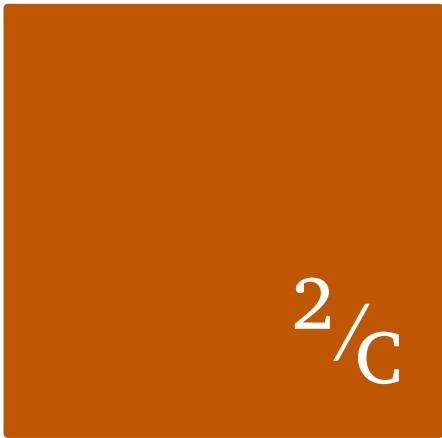


Midshipmen and MECEPs

Whether they're from the big city or a small town, from the fleet or the Corps, each member of our Longhorn Battalion is valued for their unique character and leadership ability.

At the University of Texas Naval ROTC, each of our members are given the chance to excel through various leadership opportunities afforded by our program.

Our close-knit organization exemplifies the qualities of selflessness, cooperation, and camaraderie.



Stuart Bayliss
Chandler Casey



OC Nathaniel Largent
Trevor Penwell



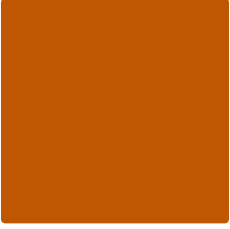
Samuel Quach
Jaganathan
Ravichandran



Megan
Rogelstad
Alex
Thompson



Tori
Wagner





Jeffrey Burds
Robert Hicks



Steven Keenan
Ryan Mauk



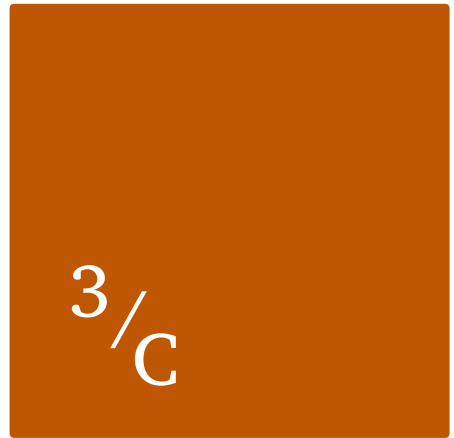
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Robert Steele

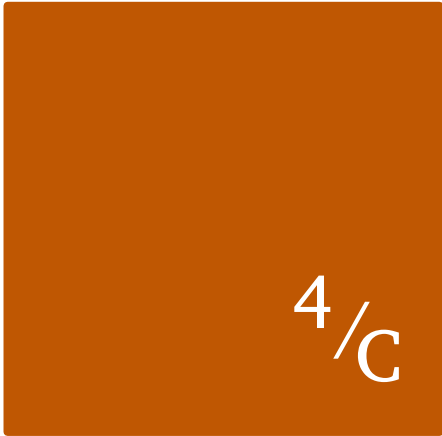


Elias Terrazas
Colin Ward
Matias Wilson



Ashley Wright





Addison Abucejo
Bailey Blackwell



Hunter Carman
Zachary Cartwright



Adam Hostak
Joseph Mpande



Owen Sise
Kyle Sweet



Peter Walker





Sgt Anthony Biggs
SSgt Cesar Gonzalez



Sgt Hector Gonzalez
SSgt Duane Kampa



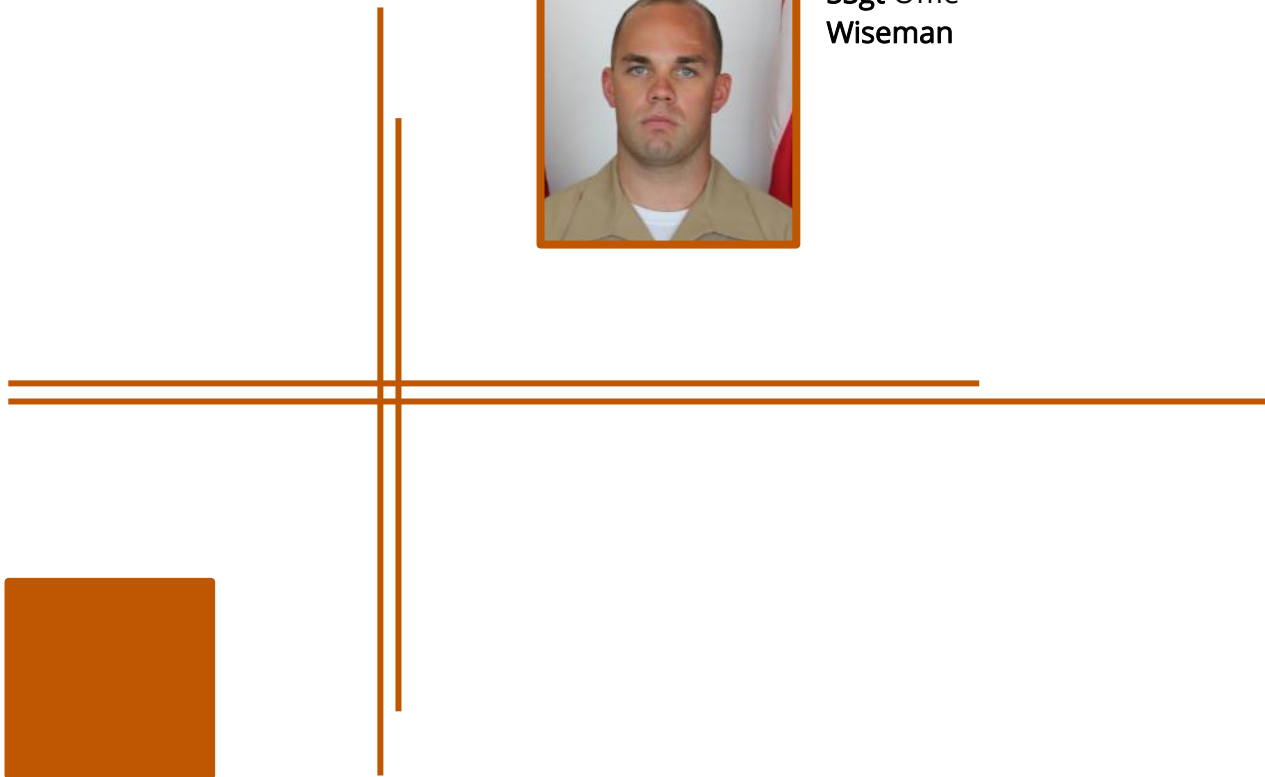
SSgt Samuel Kellogg
Sgt Marc Mascorro



SSgt Offie
Wiseman



MECEPs



Alumni Awards





Crawford and
Hattie Jackson
1/C Corey, 1/C Douglas,
2/C Quach
FADM Nimitz

1/C Rost, 1/C Marks
FADM King
1/C Summers, 2/C Wagner
W. Robert and Jody R. Brown
2/C Penwell, 3/C Terrazas,
3/C Staton
LtGen Gray, MajGen Haynes
1/C Cerf, 1/C Rost
Crow's Nest Co-Op Former

Residents
3/C Nash
1st Lt James A. Burns

2/C Bayliss
Keys A. Curry, Jr.
2/C Casey
CAPT Max K. Miller
1/C Rubalcaba
RADM Clay W. G. Fulcher
1/C Ryan, 1/C Pagio

Four Chaplains
3/C Rusnak
RADM J. Weldon and Nancy
Koenig

1/C Summers
LtCol Armstrong
1/C Cerf
CAPT Rodney and Mary
Koenig
2/C Penwell





Kenneth J. Leo
2/C Thompson
Kenneth and Majorie Moore
1/C Corey
Wayne E. Miers



1/C Carr, 2/C Bayliss
CAPT H. Malcolm MacDonald
1/C Pagio



James and Miriam Mulva
1/C Marks, 1/C Bohannon
1/C Rubalcaba,
1/C Waddingham, 1/C Cerf
1/C Ryan, 1/C Barragan,
2/C Rogelstad 3/C Mauk
CDR Edwin and Terry Mergele



3/C Ward
RADM Robert M. Moore
1/C Douglas



LtGen D'Wayne Gray
1/C Rost
ADM John Alvis
1/C Marks
UT Naval ROTC Alumni
1/C Bohannon,
1/C Waddingham,



2/C Ravichandran, 3/C Steele
John W. Wildenthal



1/C Douglas
Bill Patman
2/C Packard
Col. Kengla and Col. LaGrone
2/C Thompson
John "Rusty" Allman
1/C Carr





Navy League
MIDN 1/C Carr



USAA Spirit Award
GySgt Gonzales



Veterans of Foreign Wars
MIDN 3/C Ward



American Legion Award
MIDN 2/C Mauk
MIDN 2/C Rogelstad
MIDN 2/C Staton
MIDN 2/C Wagner
MIDN 2/C Blackwell
MIDN 2/C Walker



National Submarine League Award
MIDN 1/C Summers



Martin Dies Jr.
MIDN 2/C Wagner
MIDN 2/C Casey





ATT Leadership Award
MIDN 1/C Ravichandran
MIDN 1/C Bayliss



Society of the War of 1812
MIDN 2/C Rogelstad
MIDN 3/C Nash



Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)
MIDN 1/C Wilson



Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
MIDN 1/C Pagio



Son of the Republic of Texas
MIDN 1/C Waddingham
MIDN 1/C Cerf



CNO Distinguished Graduate
MIDN 1/C Rost



Battalion Member of the Month

Every month, the battalion recognizes a midshipman for their excellent performance in the program and the university. A careful assessment of their combined achievements and an interview by a selection board takes place to determine who, among several midshipmen, will be the recipient of the award. The following midshipmen stood out among the best of their peers and reflect the standard that our organization maintains at all times. Congratulations to this academic year's recipients!



MIDN 2/C
Megan Rogelstad
September



MIDN 2/C
Alex Thompson
October



MIDN 2/C
Chandler Casey
November



MIDN 3/C
Matias Wilson
February



MIDN 3/C
Joshua Staton
March



MIDN 3/C
Steven Keenan
April



Fall
2017

PNS Inspection

The Professor of Naval Science (PNS) Inspection where our Commanding Officer, Captain Teets inspected every MIDN in their Summer Whites and general Navy and Marine Corps knowledge is an event that occurs each semester. To prepare for the PNS inspection, squad leaders held pre-inspections with their squads to ensure each midshipman's uniform was looking sharp. Midshipman were quizzed over Navy and Marine Corps history, national chain of command structure, and uniform regulations.





NSO

Over the course of four days, new students participated in an orientation program designed by our Naval ROTC to evaluate their abilities and prepare them for the rigors of college and our organization. new students participated in evolutions such as the Initial Strength Test, Campus Run, Platoon Commander Inspection, Obstacle Course Training, Swim Qualification, and Drill Ceremony. After taking the oath on Saturday, the newest faces of Texas NROTC were ready to take on the fall semester and continue their training for their future careers as Navy and Marine Corps Officers.





Run to Dallas MIDN 1/C Barragan

Being my final Run to Dallas (RTD), I had the intention of pushing myself as far as I could, much more than I had in previous years. I am glad to say I ran more than I ever did, and the circumstances around the event were also fitting for the occasion. As in, I do not think I will find myself running in formation while being recorded by a news station helicopter anytime soon. More importantly, I am glad that I could contribute to a battalion wide effort that we approached with intensity and resolve. Surely, we could not run over 800 miles altogether if we had done otherwise. Efforts like these are what draws closer as an organization and ensure that our standard of excellence continues among our ranks. Finally, on a more personal note, I am glad to have participated in this challenge one last time with the 1/C, with whom I have shared a rigorous, but rewarding, journey here at UT. I will look back on these experiences probably throughout my time as a naval officer, and I hope that the tradition continues for many more years to come.







Torchlight Parade

Midshipmen marched in formation around UT's campus to the Texas Fight Rally. The Torchlight Parade is a tradition that began in 1919 where student organizations gather and form a parade that leads them in front of the tower. During the rally, Texas head football coach Tom Herman handed our Battalion Commanding Officer, MIDN 1/C Parker Rost, the game ball for the Red River Rivalry. Immediately after the rally, members of our battalion began running through the night on our way to Dallas with the game ball.



Service Assignment

One of the most significant steps for MIDN working towards a commission is service assignment. After three years of hard work and dedication to ROTC and to school, students learn what community they will join once they are commissioned.

- MIDN 1/C Barragan – Surface Warfare Officer
- MIDN 1/C Bohannon – Surface Warfare Officer
- MIDN 1/C Camacho – Pilot
- MIDN 1/C Carr – Pilot
- MIDN 1/C Cerf – Marine Option
- MIDN 1/C Corey – Submarine Officer
- MIDN 1/C Douglas – Pilot
- MIDN 1/C Marks – Pilot
- MIDN 1/C Pagio – Pilot
- MIDN 1/C Rost – Marine Option
- MIDN 1/C Rubalcaba – Marine Option
- MIDN 1/C Ryan – Pilot
- MIDN 1/C Summers – Submarine Officer
- MIDN 1/C Waddingham – Submarine Officer





Birthday Ball

On 27 October 2017, the University of Texas Naval ROTC held their annual Birthday Ball celebration of the 242nd birthday of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. This years event was held in the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center. The event started off with a formal ceremony including the battalion's sword line. The cake cutting ceremony included the youngest Marine option in the battalion along with the oldest Marine at the event, likewise for Navy. After the ceremony a wonderful dinner was served. Each table at the event included both midshipman and alumni. Following dinner, the dance floor was opened up for the remainder of the evening.





Alumni Weekend

MIDN 2/C Quach

On 11 November, 2017, the UT Naval ROTC unit and Alumni joined together for the annual Alumni Weekend. We started off with the Awards Ceremony. The Midshipmen, after being surprised, could not stop grinning ear to ear when their hard work in academics, physical training, and the battalion were recognized. The Alumni's generosity means so much to the Midshipmen, and they are grateful.

Afterwards we shared a meal at the BBQ outside on the beautiful day. When stories are finished being shared and food eaten, we shared a wonderful Marine Corps Birthday Cake together inside the conference center, sliced into delicious slices by a KBar.

It is always a pleasure to have the past meet be present. In this weekend there was so much joy among friends, some of whom have traveled far to reminisce about their times causing mayhem at UT and serving our nation. It was an especially nice touch to hear every Alumni stand and introduce themselves after the awards ceremony.

The best part of the night was when the Longhorns beat the Kansas Jayhawks. Hook 'em Horns!



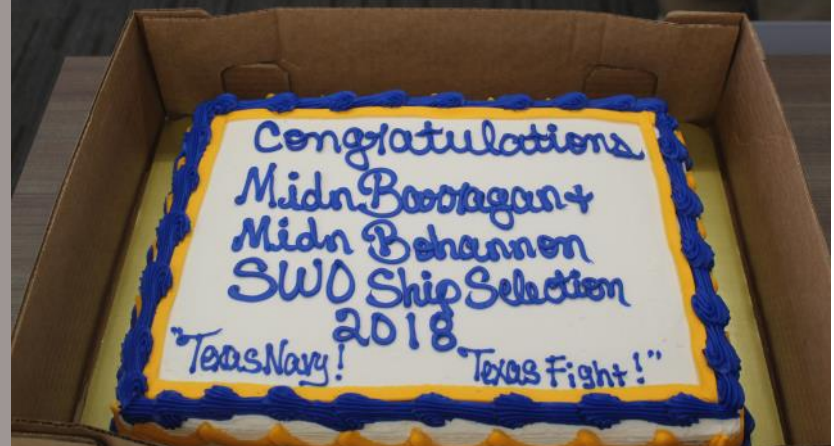




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SWO Ship Selection

On 14 February 2018, MIDN 1/C Barragan and MIDN 1/C Bohannon each selected their ship that they will be reporting to following commissioning. Other midshipmen from the battalion were able to witness the event and support their fellow classmates. In order to ensure equal distribution of SWO officers across the Fleet, midshipmen selecting their first ship selected from the ship lists that match their prospective communities. MIDN Barragan will be reporting to the USS Paul Ignatius. MIDN Bohannon will be reporting to the USS Nitze in Norfolk, VA.





Pistol/ Rifle Weekend

MIDN 2/C Thompson

This March, the pistol and rifle team had the opportunity to compete in the University of Colorado, Boulder's pistol and rifle meet. The team was reinstated this fall semester after being inactive for years, and training immediately started where 10 members worked on their shooting skills every week to get comfortable with their weapons and print tight shot groups. After a shoot-off to find the best shots, MIDN 1/C Pagio, 2/C Thompson, 2/C Bayliss, and 3/C Staton were selected to travel to Boulder for the competition. It was an outstanding meet competing against some great performers from other units around the country, and a great opportunity for our newly revived pistol and rifle team. Although we placed just outside the top 3 teams, we look forward to improving our recently reformed team and taking 1st place next year!



Colorado Competition

MIDN 3/C Wilson MIDN 4/C Blackwell

In early March, six midshipmen traveled to Boulder, Colorado for the 2018 Colorado Endurance Race. The first portion of the race began at 0600 with a two-part swim exercise. To start, the team had to tread water and pass a 10lb brick for 10 minutes. Immediately afterward, all members changed into NWUs and swam laps mixed with a pyramid of hand-release pushups and gutter jumps. But that was only the warm-up. After the swim portion, they equipped themselves with four 35-65lb packs and hiked 9.4 miles over nearly 8 hours up 8,000 feet of rugged Colorado terrain still slick with ice and snow. Upon completion of the hike, a final run across Boulder brought the team to a well-earned finish roughly half an hour before OU. The team overcame rigorous mental and physical obstacles and proved the importance of teamwork and camaraderie.



Explore UT

On 3 March 2018 NROTC participated in Explore UT. This annual event aims to inform students, parents, teachers, and community members from across the state about the importance of the public research institution and higher education in Texas. The day long event invites Texans of all ages to experience robust research experiences, hands-on demonstrations, and experiments, and participate in the richness of the university's scholarship and knowledge. Each year NROTC is tasked with working a rock climbing wall that kids are able to climb.

BNCO Inspection

Before each PNS inspection, the battalion holds a BNCO inspection. MIDN 1/C Corey, battalion commanding officer, and MIDN 1/C Carr, battalion executive officer, inspected the platoons. MIDN were tested over naval history and information, leadership structure, and uniform regulations. Following inspection, Navy options conducted drill practice.



Drill Competition

At the end of each semester the battalion holds a Platoon and Senior drill competition to test our skills that we have been working on for the semester. Prior to the competition, the drill field is marked, the platoon commander is given a drill card and the boundaries that they cannot pass while conducting drill are explained. GySgt Gonzalez, GySgt Linares, and SSgt Kampa graded the drill competitions. These scores also influenced the Captain's Cup Competition.

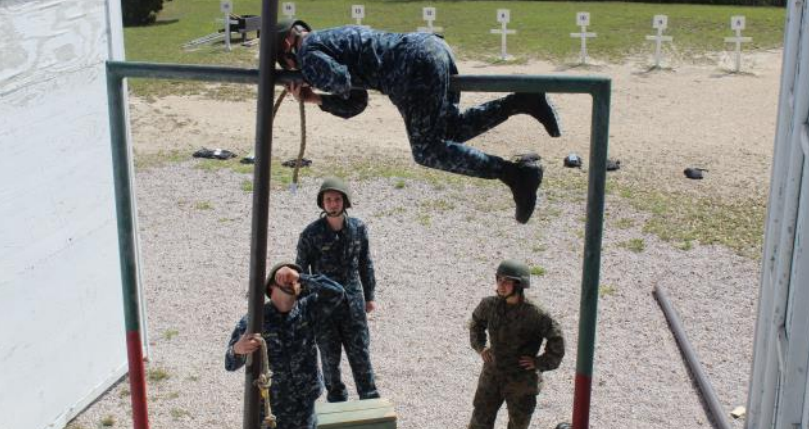


Leadership Reaction Course

MIDN 2/C Casey

This semester the Navy and Marine Option Midshipman had the opportunity to put to test their leadership ability by participating in the Leadership Reaction Course at Fort Hood in Killeen, TX. Although some scenarios seem impossible, each leading Midshipmen still has to instill confidence in their fireteam members. For the Navy Midshipmen, this is one of the few events that helps to build upon the ability to work under pressure while still being responsible with delegating tasks to their fellow Midshipmen. For the Marine Option Midshipmen, the LRC is an event that they will expect to see at Officer Candidate School. So they were able to work on familiarization with the LRC as a whole.

As the Officer in Charge for this event I gained valuable leadership experience in both participating and planning the event. Although there are factors and variables we have to deal with in the moment, we as leaders can do our best to plan effectively. The better thought out the plan, the less pressure one has to worry about. Overall, it was great to see the Midshipmen pushed out of their comfort zones. They all performed well and will be able to carry on the leadership experience they gained.





GySgt Rosas Retirement

In March, GySgt Gilberto T. Rosas retired after 20 years of service in the United States Marine Corps. GySgt joined the University of Texas Naval ROTC in January 2015 as the Assistant Marine Officer. GySgt was an instrumental part of our battalion's drill team and color guard team.

GySgt Rosas was presented a shadow box – a tribute to his USMC career. His family and friends were able to attend a celebration of the occasion.

GySgt Linares will be the new Assistant Marine Officer Instructor for the battalion.



Lead Lab

Every Tuesday morning, the battalion held lead lab. During this time, midshipmen received general military training and drill instruction. Each semester the battalion rotates community topics. In the fall we focused on the Marine Corps and in the spring we focused on the Submarine community. Midshipmen have the opportunity to present at least one brief to the battalion each semester. This is instrumental in our training.

Air Show

In April, a few members of the battalion traveled to Waco to the Heart of Texas Airshow to see the Blue Angels perform. Even with the cold weather, it was a great opportunity to see some flying and other static displays.





President's Cup

MIDN 2/C Bayliss

Navy was assigned as the lead service for this year's President's Cup. I was the officer in charge, and created a new event called the Crossfit Relay because Air Force was restricted from doing the obstacle course. The relay consisted of eight different stations including, but is not limited to, weighted squats, jump rope, hurdle sprints, and medicine ball sit-ups. It proved to be challenging and demanding, and went well overall. Navy finished second this year, and Army and Air Force tied for first. To name a few of our victories, Navy won the 4x400 hundred relay, as well as winning tug-of-war for the first time in years. There was great comradery among Navy and all the branches. There was a high level of competition, and hard work throughout the entire week. The culminating run at the end effectively brought everyone together, boosted morale and fostered cooperation among the branches. I'm proud of Navy and the Marine Corps, and am looking forward to next year's President's Cup to see how well we improve. We look forward to winning!





Change of Command

As the semester comes to a close, the midshipmen observe the passing of the battalion commanding officer's duties from the current billet holder to the next. Congratulations to MIDN 1/C Matthew Corey for his excellent leadership throughout all of our successful events this semester. We welcome MIDN 2/C Jaganathan Ravichandran into command; he now takes on the responsibilities of the battalion commanding officer. We expect great work this coming semester.



Spring Social BBQ

MIDN 3/C Wright

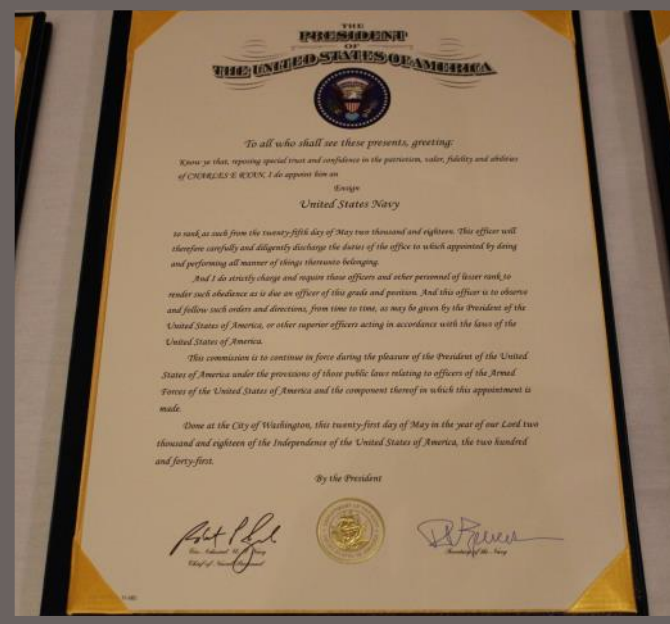
For Spring Social this year, we served barbecue and showed Top Gun. It was a great way to end the semester for the battalion. Even though the original plan for paintball was cancelled because of inclement weather, it was fun to get together informally to celebrate the last day of classes with other midshipmen. There is not much that beats good barbecue and Top Gun.





Spring Commissioning

After years of hard work and training, these 13 members of our unit, surrounded by friends, family, and acquaintances in the Bates Recital Hall, received their commission to become unrestricted line officers in the US Navy and Marine Corps. The officer in charge of commissioning this semester was MIDN 3/C Keenan. He did an excellent job of planning and coordinating the event.





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