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Naval ROTC



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11 September 1940

On that day, then Acting Secretary of the Navy, James V. Forrestal, authorized the creation of a Naval ROTC unit on the campus of The University of Texas. UT

would be one of eight NROTC units in the country at that time and would go on to produce thousands of Navy and Marine Corps officers. The original goal of NROTC was to produce well-educated junior officers for the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Reserve. Military skills and knowledge have been passed down to midshipman inside and outside the classroom. Sixty-seven years later the unit is now commissioning young men and women as active duty war fighters. The leadership skills that our midshipman gain during their short tenure here creates a foundation for success in the Navy and Marine Corps. Many of the midshipman arriving at UT are thrust into a completely new environment.

For many it is their first time living away from home, they may not know anyone, or may not have their career choices planned out. NROTC provides guidance to every one of these volunteer individuals, along with lasting friendships, and the skills needed to begin their military careers. This past year we have seen our young midshipman grow immensely. They have begun to learn the importance of followership, have found their niche in the college environment, and are now understanding how to manage this new demanding environment. Our upperclassmen have also come a long way as they complete their final year of preparation in becoming commissioned officers. We all have come together through many activities this year. Platoon integrity was built at battalion drill sessions and at early morning PT. A sense of pride and accomplishment are felt while running in formation and while marching on the drill field. The hours of practice on the drill field play greatly into building the confidence and leadership capacity of the platoon leaders.

Stadium clean-ups and support from our generous alumni, provided the battalion with funds to make activities possible. Our first major event and age old tradition, inspired by the UT vs. OU football game is Run To Dallas. Where MIDN run the ball all the way to Dallas. Intramural sports bring camaraderie to our midshipman as well. Sport competitions provide much needed stress relief to those who participate. This year, the Buccaneer Drill Team attended the Tulane Drill Competition in New Orleans. The team's hard work paid off. Midshipmen that attended were awarded by getting to enjoy the Mardi Gras celebrations afterwards!! Other UT NROTC traditions that lived on this year were the biannual President's Cup and Captain's Cup competitions. President's Cup is a tri-service competition between all three ROTC units, where each compete in sports and physical fitness events for the President's Trophy. Captain's Cup, similar to the President's Cup, is hosted within our battalion. Platoons compete in tests of physical fitness, drill, and academics for the title of "Honor Platoon."

The battalion comes together to celebrate the Navy and Marine Corps Birthday each Fall. This allows the battalion to show off its military pride and tradition. Our upperclassmen participate in a traditional mess night. The mess night served as a great way to build camaraderie between the upperclassmen and gave the midshipmen an understanding of how to interact with senior officers in a social environment. These formal events are precursors to the decorum and ceremonies of the fleet. They also give us the chance to prove that we look good in uniform. We also come together to celebrate the end of the school year at our annual Spring Social.

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps' is measured by each newly commissioned officer it releases to the fleet. Honor, courage and commitment are the cornerstones of every sailor and marine, but accountability and command authority come with gold bars.

Captain David Koss



Captain David E. Koss was commissioned in May 1991 upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy after receiving his Bachelor of Science in Ocean Physics. Following a year "stashed" at Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic, he reported to NAS Pensacola, Florida in May of 1992. Upon completion of initial flight training in VT-2, he reported to NAS Meridian Mississippi to fly the T-2 Buckeye and TA-4 Skyhawk with VT-19 and VT-7. He received his wings of gold in March of 1995.

Following completion of the FA-18C Fleet Replacement Squadron training with VMFAT-101 at MCAS El Toro, California, Captain Koss reported to The Golden Warriors of VFA-87 at NAS Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Florida. During his 3-year tour, he completed a Summer Med/Adriatic Sea deployment participating in operations over Iraq and Bosnia-Herzegovina while embarked in USS JOHN F KENNEDY (CV 67).

In February of 1999, Captain Koss reported to Fallon, Nevada for training at TOPGUN. Upon completion, he reported to the VFA-106 Gladiators for a 2-year tour as A Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor and Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor Pilot. In July of 2001, Captain Koss re-joined VFA-87, embarked in USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), in the Arabian Gulf. As the Training Officer, he flew missions in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. A year later, he "fleeted up" to Department Head with the Golden Warriors, went back to sea embarked in USS ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), and flew missions in support Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In December of 2004, Captain Koss reported as Air and Maritime Planner to Standing Joint Force Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith Hawaii. He completed a 2-year tour at SJFHQ, participating in numerous Multi-National exercises within the Pacific Theater. In November of 2007, Captain Koss reported to VFA-122 to conduct training in the FA-18E. Upon completion, he reported In July of 2007 to VFA-14 as Executive Officer.

In November of 2008, Captain Koss assumed Command of the Tophatters and completed an 8-month deployment embarked in USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In May of 2010, Captain Koss turned over command of the Tophatters and reported to VFA-125 to retrain in the FA-18C. In September of 2010, he reported to the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels. In May of 2011, he left the Blue Angels and reported as Executive Assistant to the Director of Air Warfare in the Pentagon. Following a year in the Pentagon, he reported to the National War College where he was awarded a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

In August 2013, CAPT Koss reported to Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet as Deputy Commodore and subsequently assumed command of the largest Type Wing in the U.S. Navy in December 2014. After serving 18 months as the Commodore, he reported to the Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific staff as the Readiness Officer (N40). Following a two year tour focusing on manning, training and equipping challenges within Naval Aviation he reported to his current position serving as Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer of the ROTC unit at the University of Texas. He has accumulated over 740 carrier arrested landings and over 3,700 flight hours in the FA-18C and FA-18E/F aircraft. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Combat V (two awards), Strike Flight Air Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Joint Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), LT Charles Nelson and LCDR Mike Longardt leadership awards, and numerous other campaign and service awards.

Commander George Floyd



Commander George Allen Floyd hails from 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 Anthony Gantt



Captain Anthony Gantt was born and raised in Florida. After graduating from Miami Coral Park Senior in June of 1998 he attended Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU). In September of 1999, Captain Gantt enlisted in the Selective Marine Corps Reserve and completed Marine Corps Recruit training in Beaufort, South Carolina in January of 2000. Immediately following recruit training he completed Marine Corps Combat Training in Jacksonville, North Carolina and later would complete the basic M1A1 Tank Crewman course in Fort Knox, Kentucky. After serving as a reservist for two years Captain Gantt reenlisted onto active duty in April of 2003 and reported to 2nd Tank Battalion,

Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

Captain Gantt served as an enlisted Marine for ten years and obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. During that time he served as M1A1 Tank Commander, Platoon Sergeant, Martial Arts instructor, and Command Financial Specialist Instructor.

In 2005 Captain Gantt was selected for the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program. As such, he returned to Tallahassee, Florida and received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Florida A&M University in April 2010.

Captain Gantt received his commission post-graduation and reported to The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia. Captain Gantt graduated from TBS April of 2011 and reported to Air Support Control Officer Course. Captain Gantt's assignments were with Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Marine Air Control Group 18, Marine Air Support Squadron 2, and Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262 (Reinforced). He has served as a Company Executive Officer, Squadron Assistant Operations Officer, Company Commander, Group Assistant Future Operations Officer, and Detachment Commander for the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262 (REIN) in support of the 31ST Marine Expeditionary Unit 2016-2017 deployment.

His personal awards and achievements include: the Bronze Star Medal with device "V", Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, two Navy Achievement Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, two Navy Unit Commendation Ribbons, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, two Good Conduct Medals, Selective Marine Corps Reserve Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, five Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization - International Security Alliance Force Afghanistan Medal.

He has been married to Novia for seventeen years and together they have six beautiful children.

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 John Bolchoz



Lieutenant John R. Bolchoz, III, a native of Columbia, SC, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Weapons and Systems Engineering.

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

May 2014. Following completion at NNPTC, LT Bolchoz attended Prototype training at NPTU Charleston. In January 2015, following completion at NPTU Charleston, LT Bolchoz transferred to Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) in Groton, CT.

LT Bolchoz reported to USS North Dakota (SSN 784) in March 2015. During his tour, he served as the Main Propulsion Assistant, Reactor Controls Assistant, Quality Assurance Officer, and Assistant Operations Officer. He completed one Mediterranean deployment as well as Post-Shakedown Availability at Electric Boat shipyard. Following three years on the USS North Dakota, LT Bolchoz transferred to the PCU South Dakota (SSN 790) in February 2018. He completed the new construction process, sea trials, and commissioning in February 2019.

LT Bolchoz's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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.

Fall 2019

Battalion Staff



Battalion Commanding Officer

Battalion Executive Officer

Battalion Operations Officer

Senior Enlisted Advisor

Adjutant

Supply Officer

Public Affairs Officer

Training Officer

H&S Company Commander

Alpha Company Commander

Bravo Company Commander

1/C Terrazas

1/C Wilson

SSgt Biggs

OC Wallace

2/C Nash

2/C Wright

1/C Burds

2/C Mauk

OC Johnson

2/C Blackwell

2/C Hicks

Spring 2020

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Supply Officer

Public Affairs Officer

Training Officer

H&S Company Commander

Alpha Company Commander

Bravo Company Commander

1/C Nash

1/C Steele

1/C Wright

SSgt Mascorro

Sgt Miller

Ssgt Merrill

OC Johnson

2/C Birk

1/C Keenan

1/C Staton

1/C Burds

Commissioning Seniors



Congratulations to the following midshipmen and enlisted Marines for overcoming the rigors of college and NROTC 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.

SSgt Jesse Adkins

Hometown

Dallas, TX

Major

Government

Reporting To

Quantico, VA

Next Steps

2nd Lt Adkins will attend The Basic School to determine what his specialty will be as an officer in the Marine Corps.



Midshipman 1/C Stuart Bayliss

Hometown

Katy, TX

Major

Chemistry with Certificate in Business

Reporting To

Pensacola, FL

Next Steps

ENS Bayliss will attend Flight School to become an Aviation Officer in the Navy.

SSgt Anthony Biggs

Hometown

Mountain Home, AR

Major

Anthropology with Minor in French

Reporting To

Quantico, VA

Next Steps

2nd Lt Biggs will attend The Basic School to determine what his specialty will be as an officer in the Marine Corps.



SSgt Sam Kellogg

Hometown

Seattle, WA

Major

Government

Reporting To

Quantico, VA

Next Steps

2nd Lt Kellogg will attend The Basic School to determine what his specialty will be as an officer in the Marine Corps.

MIDN 1/C Elias Terrazas

Hometown

Alpine, TX

Major

History

Reporting To

Quantico, VA

Next Steps

2nd Lt Terrazas will attend The Basic School to determine what his specialty will be as an officer in the Marine Corps.



MIDN 1/C Matias Wilson

Hometown

Boise, ID

Major

International Relations and Global Studies with Certificate in Security Studies

Reporting To

San Diego, CA

Next Steps

ENS Wilson will be assigned to the USS Portland (LPD-27) to begin his Naval career as a Surface Warfare Officer.





MIDN 1/C Jeffrey Burds

Hometown

Phoenix, AZ

Major

Government

Reporting To

Quantico, VA

Next Steps

2nd Lt Burds will attend The Basic School to determine what his specialty will be as an officer in the Marine Corps.

MIDN 1/C Steven Keenan

Hometown

San Antonio, TX

Major

Sociology

Reporting To

Quantico, VA

Next Steps

2nd Lt Keenan will attend The Basic School to determine what his specialty will be as an officer in the Marine Corps.



SSgt Mark Mascorro

Hometown

San Antonio, TX

Major

Government

Reporting To

Quantico, VA

Next Steps

2nd Lt Mascorro will attend The Basic School to determine what his specialty will be as an officer in the Marine Corps.



MIDN 1/C Ryan Mauk

Hometown

Wauwatosa, WI

Major

Aerospace Engineering

Reporting To

Pensacola, FL

Next Steps

ENS Mauk will attend Flight School to become an Aviation Officer in the Navy.

Sgt Caleb Miller

Hometown

San Antonio, TX

Major

Sociology

Reporting To

Quantico, VA

Next Steps

2nd Lt Miller will attend The Basic School to determine what his specialty will be as an officer in the Marine Corps.



MIDN 1/C Brendan Nash

Hometown

Norman, OK

Major

Government

Reporting To

Pensacola, FL

Next Steps

ENS Nash will attend Flight School to become an Aviation Officer in the Navy.

MIDN 1/C Joshua Staton

Hometown

San Antonio, TX

Major

History and Government

Reporting To

Pensacola, FL

Next Steps

ENS Staton will attend Flight School to become an Aviation Officer in the Navy.



MIDN 1/C Robert Steele

Hometown

New Hope, PA

Major

Aerospace Engineering

Reporting To

Pensacola, FL

Next Steps

ENS Steele will attend Flight School to become an Aviation Officer in the Navy.



MIDN 1/C Ashley Wright

Hometown

Sherman, TX

Major

Government with Minor in Russian

Reporting To

Pensacola, FL

Next Steps

ENS Wright will attend Flight School to begin her career as a Naval Flight Officer.





Fall 2019



Spring 2020

Congratulations to our newest commissioned officers!

Midshipmen, OCs 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.

Juniors

Jazzlyn Birk
Bailey Blackwell



Hunter Carman
Zachary Cartwright



Dalton Draeger
Robert Hicks



Adam Hostak
Joseph Mpande
Colin Ward





Jordan **Ayub**
Abigail **Gammon**



Noah **Gildersleeve**
Reed **Herzog**



Chase **Lowe**
Jordyn **Myers**



Penny **Pellegrini**
Jack **Perry**
Jack **Roberts**
Joseph **Sharpee**



Patrick **Smith**
Niklaus **Zora**

Sophomores

Freshmen

Richard **Lofgren**
Max **Tortorelli**



Thomas **Vogelgesang**
Ema **Waring**





Sgt Timothy **Bishop**
OC Chris **Bowling**



OC Tyrone **Johnson**
GySgt Chris **Merrill**

OCs & MECEPs



OC Joshua **Moore**
OC Devin **O'Kelly**
Sgt Mitchell **Rice**

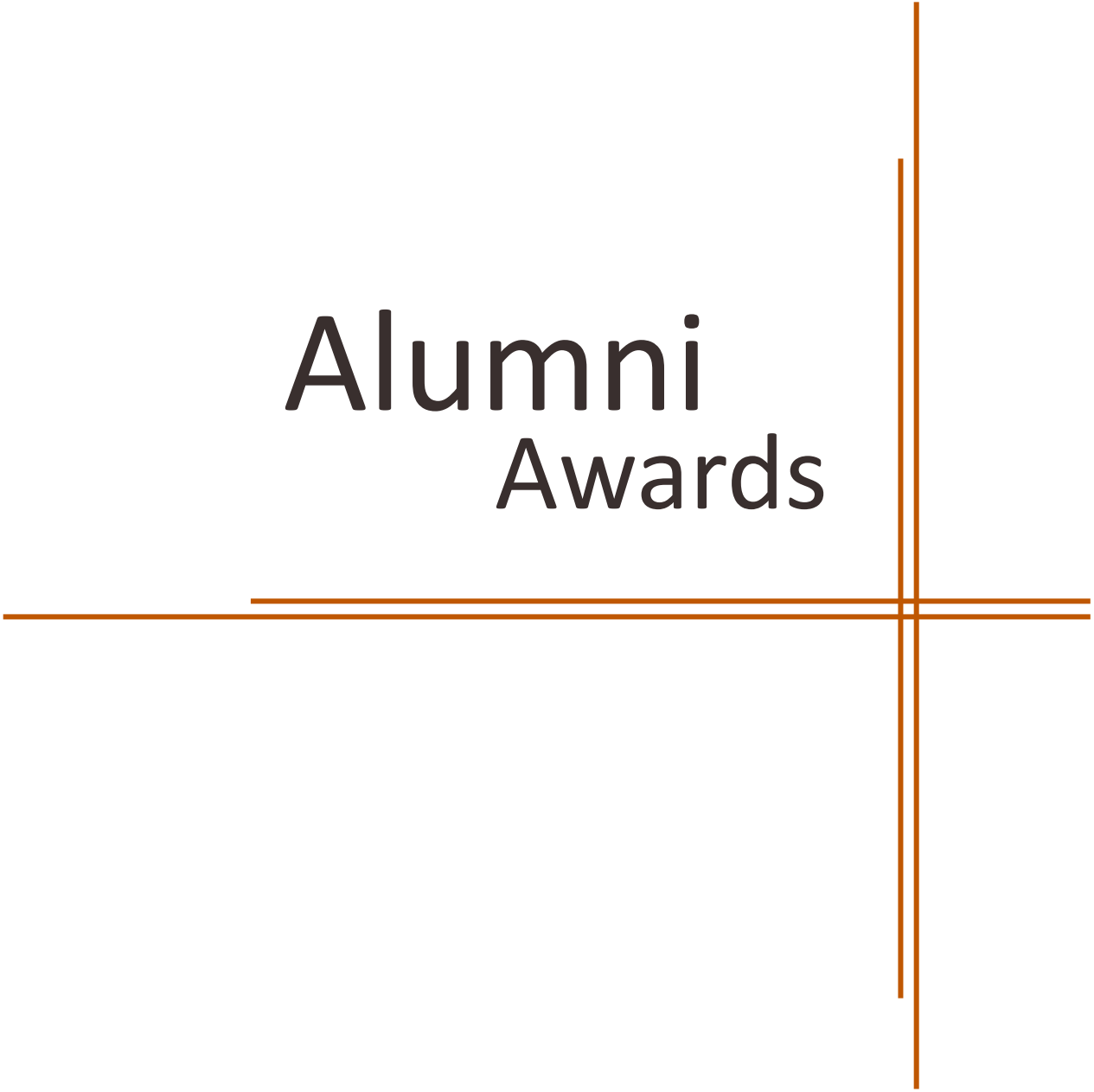


OC Patrick **Russell**
SSgt Corbin **Tyler**



OC Cara **Wallace**

Alumni Awards



Fall 2019 Awards



Crawford and Hattie Jackson

1/C Steele, OC Johnson, 2/C Blackwell,
2/C Cartwright

FADM Nimitz

1/C Mauk, 1/C Wilson

FADM King

1/C Nash, 1/C Wright

Robert Brown

1/C Terrazas

LtGen D'Wayne Gray

Sgt Miller, 1/C Keenan

Crow's Nest

1/C Staton

Lt James A. Burns

1/C Burds

Keys A. Curry

1/C Staton

CAPT Max Miller

OC Bowling, 3/C Herzog, 3/C Zora

RADM Clay Fulcher

SSgt Mascorro, 1/C Mauk, 1/C Wilson

Four Chaplains

1/C Burds

RADM J. Weldon Koenig

OC Wallace

LtCol Armstrong

SSgt Adkins

UT NROTC Alumni

Sgt Bishop, OC Moore, OC O'Kelly, OC Russell,

SSgt Tyler, 2/C Hicks, 3/C Carmen,

3/C Gammon, 3/C Lowe, 3/C Pellegrini,

3/C Roberts, 3/C Smith

CDR Tom Williams

1/C Wilson



CAPT Rodney Koenig

2/C Birk

Kenneth J. Leo

2/C Mpande

Kenneth Moore

2/C Keenan

Wayne E. Meyers

SSgt Kellogg, 1/C Wright

CAPT MacDonald

1/C Mpande

James Mulva

SSgt Merrill, Sgt Miller, Sgt Rice, OC Wallace,

1/C Nash, 1/C Staton, 2/C Birk, 2/C Hostak,

3/C Draeger, 3/C Martinez

CDR Mergele

2/C Hostak

RADM Moore

1/C Mauk

LtGen D'Wayne Gray Sword

1/C Terrazas

ADM John Alvis

1/C Wright

Wildenthal

SSgt Biggs

Col. Kengla and Col. LaGrone

1/C Burds

LT George H. Blume

3/C Roberts

CAPT Jack Ritter

2/C Hicks

CAPT John Hitchcock

3/C Herzog

William Powers

3/C Sharpee

CDR John "Rusty" Allman

3/C Zora

LtCol Charles Armstrong

SSgt Adkins



Spring 2020 Awards

MIDN 2/C BLACKWELL
18 February 2020



Patman Scholarship

3/C Myers

Martin Dies Jr. Scholarship

2/C Birk

2/C Mpande

3/C Ayub

3/C Pelligrini

NFCU NROTC Award

2/C Blackwell

Navy League

1/C Nash

Freshman Scholarship

3/C Ayub

3/C Myers

3/C Perry

4/C Lofgren

4/C Tortorelli

4/C Vogelgesang

MIDN 2/C BLACKWELL
18 February 2020



MIDN 2/C BLACKWELL
18 February 2020



“Come and Take It” Award

1/C Keenan

Longhorn Academics Award

1/C Mauk

“Ready to Fight” Award

Ssgt Mascorro



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!



Patrick Smith
September 2019



Jordan Ayub
October 2019



Jack Perry
November 2019



Fall
2019

New Student Orientation

MIDN 1/C Brendan Nash

From the 20th of August to the 23rd, incoming freshmen 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.

Starting early in the morning, they took part in physical fitness evaluations, obstacle courses, informational briefings, and marching in formation. Along with these events, they also took part in swimming qualifications and shooting range exercises that allowed them to apply what they had learned in the classroom.

After four days of rigorous orientation, the new students were able to apply their newfound knowledge in a soon-to-be familiar setting - the inspection and drill formations. Having completed the orientation program, these new students, with friends and family as witnesses, were sworn in to our Naval ROTC and garnered the title of midshipmen.





Run to Dallas

MIDN 3/C Hunter Carman

Excitement filled the air as our Battalion prepared for our annual Run to Dallas in October. Starting at the Torch Light Parade, the moment coach Tom Herman handed our battalion commanding officer, MIDN 1/C Terrazas, the ball, we were off. Five groups of runners, running across three run shifts, made their way to Dallas on Thursday. On Friday, after a mile run with OU's NROTC, we competed in our annual flag football game.



On Saturday, the game ball was delivered back to Coach Herman by MIDN 1/C Terrazas, concluding Run to Dallas. The Battalion looks forward to next year in continuing this outstanding tradition!



Birthday Ball

MIDN 3/C Adam Hostak

On 5 November 2016, the University of Texas Naval ROTC held their annual Birthday Ball in celebration of the 241st birthday of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. After weeks of preparation for the event was a huge success and a night to remember. The Guest of Honor, Major General Cucolo, United States Army, Retired, delivered a motivating speech to inspire the battalion about their future careers, particularly focusing on those soon to commission. After the ceremonies and a fine meal, the midshipmen and their guests danced the night away. It was a lasting experience for the Fourth Class who celebrated their first ball and the First Class who celebrated their final ball as midshipmen. To commemorate the experience each guest received a souvenir glass adorned with a UT NROTC logo to remind them of the occasion.



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 we learn what community we'll join once commissioned. All of the 1/C MIDN submit a preference list in late August. The Navy looks at many different factors, including our grades, aptitude scores, major, and ASTB scores for those interested in aviation.

While it was an anxious wait, we were relieved to have been able to get into the community we wanted. It was incredibly motivating to see what our hard work was for. This moment defines the next chapter in each of our lives. I can't wait to commission with these incredible men and women by my side! It has been a long time coming. Congrats to all of them!

The seniors pictured below (from left to right) are:

Aviation:

Joshua Stanton
Ashley Wright
Robert Steele
Brenden Nash
Ryan Mauk

Surface Warfare Officer:

Matias Wilson



October PNS Inspection

Midshipmen donned their summer whites, well inspected and prepared according to navy regulations, for the PNS Inspection conducted by the battalion's Commanding Officer.

Battalion inspections test the professional knowledge and military bearing of every midshipman. The midshipmen are quizzed over Navy and Marine Corps history, national chain of command structure, and uniform regulations. Dressed in sharp summer whites, these midshipmen are a distinct sight in the early morning outside the UT Tower.



President's Cup

OC Cara Wallace

The bi-annual President's Cup is a tri-service competition between the three of the University of Texas at Austin's Reserve Officer Training Corps branches. During the fall semester, the services compete on three consecutive mornings: outdoor sports, calisthenics, and indoor sports. This event has been a tradition for several years, and it is crucial in building camaraderie in the fall semester between the new, junior midshipmen and the returning, senior midshipmen. The President's Cup fosters healthy inter-service rivalry and allows Texas Navy to display their skills in a great environment.

Most importantly, however; NROTC won.



Alumni Weekend

OC Christopher Bowling

Alumni Weekend brought together former Longhorn midshipmen back to the University of Texas. The current midshipmen of the University of Texas Naval ROTC Battalion had the chance to interact with these valued alumni through multiple events. In the morning before the alumni football game, midshipmen were presented with scholarships from the midshipman Foundation and the CLA.

Following the game, the midshipmen had a BBQ with the alumni. The opportunity to interact with alumni is a privilege and it is one of the most important experiences as we learn from those that have fought for our country before us. We can learn so much from our alumni and I know that I will take what I have learned from my conversations with them, out to the fleet.



Field Exercise (FEX)

This event is put on each semester to further develop the Marine Option midshipmen, and to evaluate their performance before heading to Officer Candidate School (OCS). It was rewarding to see how this evolution benefits the platoon.

This event would not have been possible without the help of our MECEPs who spent a lot of their time putting together the several events necessary to make up the field exercise, such as night land navigation, a physical training competition, the nine-mile hike, and the Small Unit Leadership Exercises (SULEs), which are all used to prepare our midshipmen for success at OCS. I am confident that our Marine option juniors will execute their OCS training with precision and accuracy.



Fall 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 Elias Terrazas for his excellent leadership throughout all of our successful events this semester. We welcome MIDN 1/C Brendan Nash into command; he now takes on the responsibilities of the battalion commanding officer. We expect great work this coming semester. Recognition also goes to the midshipmen for their hard work throughout the semester!





Fall Commissioning

ENS Stuart Bayliss
ENS Matias Wilson
2ndLt Elias Terrazas
2ndLt Jesse Adkins
2ndLt Anthony Biggs
2ndLt Sam Kellogg



After years of hard work and training, these members of our unit, surrounded by friends, family, and acquaintances, received their commission to become unrestricted line officers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. “



Congratulations to the newly commissioned Ensigns and Second Lieutenants as they embark on their new adventures as the next generation of naval warfighters.



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Spring

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Boulder Colorado Endurance and Rifle Meet

MIDN 1/C Keenan

From March 6-7, the Naval ROTC Unit competed in their annual Colorado drill and endurance team meet. The Meet was held in Boulder, CO where schools from across the nation met to compete in various competitions including: pistol/rifle, knowledge bowl and endurance team races. The Colorado meet is a highly anticipated battalion event which the midshipmen look forward to. The purpose of the even is to inspire camaraderie, build teamwork and cohesiveness and challenge future Naval and Marine Corps officers.



Tulane University Drill Competition

MIDN 3/C Pelligrini

Returning to Tulane this year for the first time since 2017, the UT NROTC opted in for a spot to compete in the Spring 2020 Tulane Drill competition held in February. This drill competition showcased precision marching and ceremonial rifle techniques. Universities from around the area convened at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana to show off their skills. The drill team, led by MIDN Pellegrini, worked tirelessly to prepare the team for the competition ahead. The battalion represented the unit well at the meet and also got to have a lot of fun in New Orleans.



COVID-19

In March 2020, the University of Texas suspended in-person events on campus due to the surge of COVID-19 cases in the United States. Classes went online and NROTC events were cancelled for the semester.

However, the unit stayed flexible and distributed individual physical training plans and conducted virtual training as needed.

Spring Commissioning

ENS Joshua Staton
ENS Ashley Wright
ENS Brendan Nash
ENS Sam Steele
ENS Ryan Mauk
2ndLt Marc Mascorro
2ndLt Jeffrey Burds
2ndLt Steve Keenan

Adhering to CDC guidelines by social distancing and wearing face masks when applicable, the battalion conducted its Spring Commissioning with a few modifications. Because family members were not in attendance, the ceremony was live-streamed over social media.





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