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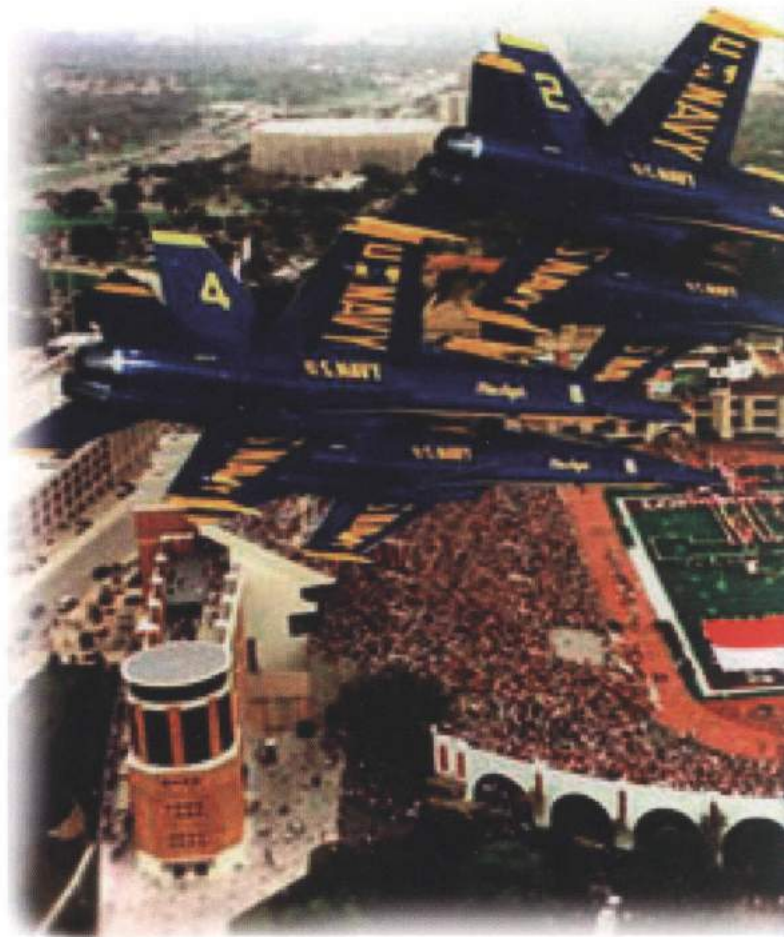
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UTNROTC

When the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps was established at the University of Texas at Austin in 1940, the goal was to train and instruct future officers toward the aim of national defense. Sixty-four 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.

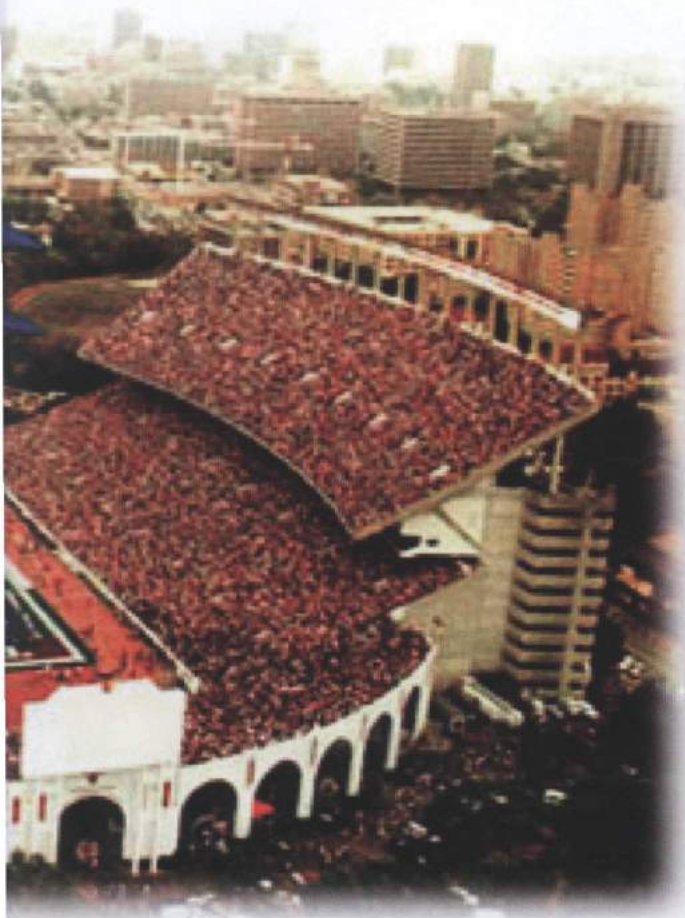
When many midshipmen arrive at UT, it can be a whole new world. Many may not know anyone, or have a career choice, and may even wonder why he or she came to UT. The NROTC provides guidance to every one of these volunteer individuals,



along with lasting friendships and the skills needed not only for a military career, but for life.

This past year we have come to see our numbers grow to nearly ninety students and 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 Captain's Cup competition comes around.

Stadium clean-ups 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 Dal-



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las. Intramural sports bring camaraderie as well as much needed stress relief to those who participate. The Ironman Competition brings ROTC students from different units to compete against our toughest in a test of strength, speed, and especially endurance. Those who participate leave the event with a sense of accomplishment. This year, the drill team had the privilege to attend the Tulane Drill Competition in New Orleans. The hard work by those involved paid off in the competition, and going to Mardi Gras wasn't so bad for them either!

More traditional events that take place for the UTNROTC are the Captain's Cup and seasonal military balls. Captain's Cup pits platoon against platoon in various tests of physical fitness, drill, and academics. The best platoon is given the title of "Honor

Platoon" and a banner for their guide-on. The Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball and the spring formal allow the battalion to show off its military pride and tradition. They are precursors to the decorum and ceremony of the fleet. They also give us the chance to prove that we look good in uniform.

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, but accountability and command authority come with gold bars. Hook 'em horns!





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Bravo II platoon was in charge of the first yearbook that has been in production in 13 years. It would have never been possible to rekindle this tradition if it wasn't for the help of the entire platoon and the support of the battalion. Once again, Bravo Company has conquered Alpha as you can see from the captured flag.

Captain Donald Inbody Commanding Officer, University of Texas



A native of Kansas, Captain Donald Inbody, USN graduated from Wichita State University in 1973. After teaching in the Kansas public schools for three years, earning a Masters Degree also from Wichita State, and teaching at Kansas Newman College for two years, he enlisted in the Navy as a Third Class Radioman. He was then selected for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an Ensign in February 1979. His first sea tour was in USS REASONER (FF 1063), serving as Damage Control Assistant, CIC Officer, and Operations Officer. He then attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, earning a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs, specializing in the Middle East, Southwest Asia, and Africa. Following Department Head School, he served as Operations Officer in USS ALAMO (LSD 33) and the USS HARRY W HILL (DD 986).

Ordered to the United States Naval Academy, Captain Inbody taught in the Political Science Department for three years. His course assignments included American Government, International Relations, and Middle Eastern Politics and History. He also served as Executive Assistant to the Director, Division of U. S. and International Studies. During his last year at the Naval Academy, he was assigned as Director, Educational Resources Center.

He reported to USS FORD (FFG 54) in the summer of 1992 as Executive Officer. In 1994 he was assigned to the Appropriations Matters Office (FMBE) of the Office of the Navy Comptroller as a congressional liaison officer, working with the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittees on the annual Defense Appropriations Bill and Navy budget issues.

Captain Inbody assumed command of USS DULUTH (LPD 6) in May. In December 1997 he transferred to Sasebo, Japan, assuming the duties of Chief Staff Officer for Amphibious Squadron Eleven. While with COMPHIBRON 11, he participated in numerous contingency operations including OPERATION DESERT FOX. He also served as the senior naval liaison to the Commander, U.S. Forces, INTERFET, in support of operations in East Timor. He then attended the Naval War College in Newport, RI, graduating with distinction as the President's Honor Graduate.

He was then transferred to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (C3I) in April 2001 and assumed the duties of the Director, Joint C4ISR Decision Support Center, a small think tank conducting research and analysis for modern command and control systems.

Captain Inbody became the 23rd Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at the University of Texas at Austin in August 2003. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Commander William E. Ash Executive Officer, University of Texas

Commander Ned Ash, USN, received his unrestricted line officer commission in October 1978 after graduating from Aviation Officer Candidate School. CDR Ash is a graduate of the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science Degree and holds a Master of Science Degree from the Naval Postgraduate School. He has completed ten tours supervising highly skilled teams and managing software production, joint requirements, operational test and evaluation of combat direction systems, and shipyard installations. CDR Ash served for twenty-four years as a Naval Flight Officer in the Pacific and Atlantic Fleets. He is currently Associate Professor and Executive Officer for the University of Texas Naval ROTC Unit.



Following commissioning, CDR Ash's assignments included Mission Commander, Instructor and Tactical Coordinator flying in Patrol Squadrons 1, 23, and 31 deployed to Diego Garcia, Japan, Alaska, Guam, Republic of the Philippines, Somalia, Djibouti, Oman, Iceland, and Panama during the Cold War. He served at sea onboard the aircraft carrier, USS Saratoga as the Assistant Combat Direction Center Officer with Gulf of Sidra experience as Tactical Action Officer and complex overhaul experience in Norfolk Naval Shipyard. As a Watch Officer, Operations Officer, Action Officer and Operational Test Coordinator, CDR Ash served at CINCLANTFLT for CTF-84, at VP-23 for CTG 67.1, at CINCEUR for J5 & J3 STO, and COMOPTEVFOR for the Command and Control Division. He tested ACDS, GCCS-M, and JTIDS for CNO 091 and controlled air, surface and subsurface, fixed and mobile sensors for CINCLANTFLT N3. Deployed to Sicily and Saudi Arabia, he directed air and support operations in the Red Sea and ASW/ASUW operations in the Mediterranean Sea. While at USCINCEUR, CDR Ash developed and implemented the initial Joint Requirements Oversight Council issue review panel, which coordinated four-star inputs on each service's Acquisition Category 1, Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations and joint programs. As Executive Officer for Combat Direction Systems Activity, Dam Neck, he stood up a new command and represented Naval Sea Systems Command as Senior Battle Force Action Officer for the east coast. Analysis efforts for TRUMAN and JFK battle groups culminated in a successful Cooperative Engagement Capability Technical Evaluation and deployments to the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean in support of homeland defense.

A Texas native, CDR Ash and his wife, Jacqueline reside in Austin and have three grown children, Phillip, Patrick and Meredith.



Major Kenneth Kassner Marine Officer Instructor, University of Texas

Major Ken Kassner was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in July 1991. Following his graduation and commissioning from the University of Houston and the Naval ROTC program at Rice University, Major Kassner reported to The Basic School, where he graduated with honors. After completing the Infantry Officers' Course, Major Kassner reported to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, where he served as a rifle platoon commander, weapons platoon commander, and rifle company executive officer. While a member of the 11th MEU (SOC), Major Kassner participated in Operations Continue Hope and Quickdraw in Somalia, Operation Distant Runner in Rwanda, and Operation Red Reef in Saudi Arabia. In 1995 Major Kassner reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot—San Diego, where served as a Series Commander, Company Commander, and Regimental Assistant Operations Officer. At MCRD-San Diego, he was promoted to the rank of Captain. In 1999, Major Kassner graduated with honors from the Marine Corps' Amphibious Warfare School. Reporting to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, he served as a rifle company commander and battalion operations officer. While in 2/2, Major Kassner deployed with the 26th MEU (SOC) to the Mediterranean Sea and the Balkans. Promoted to the rank of Major in 2001, he was reassigned as the Marine Officer Instructor at the University of Texas at Austin.

Major Kassner's holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Houston and a Master's Degree in International Relations from the University of San Diego. He has also attended the Naval War College Seminar Program and completed the Marine Corps' Command & Staff Non-resident course.

Major Kassner and his wife, Lisa, raise and train horses during their free time. They have two sons.

Lieutenant Justin Whitt Surface Warfare Officer, University of Texas

The Unit's Second Class advisor, as well as the Surface Warfare Officer, is Lieutenant Justin Whitt. LT Whitt first enlisted in the Navy in 1988 with a damage control rating. His first duty station was NAS at Sicily, and then he later boarded the USS Wisconsin (BB-64) where he was stationed during the first Persian Gulf War. LT Whitt went on to serve aboard many of the Navy's fine vessels, including the USS Wasp (LDH-1), the USS Mississippi (CGN-40), and the USS Scott (DDG-995). He was then selected for the Navy's Enlisted Education Advance Program, which allowed enlisted sailors to earn an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree during a shore tour. LT Whitt earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Fire Administration from Hampton University. After serving aboard the USS George Washington (CVN-73), he was picked up for Officer Candidate School and three months later was commissioned in October of 1998.



His advice to the battalion is, "No matter what, never forget what is really important to you and don't let your career get in the way of that."



Lieutenant Indalecio M. Hernandez Nuclear Propulsion Officer, University of Texas

Lieutenant Indalecio Hernandez enlisted in the U. S. Navy as a Nuclear Power Electronics Technician in June 1987. He completed Nuclear Field "A" School and Enlisted Nuclear Power School in Orlando FL and Enlisted Nuclear Prototype Training in Idaho Falls, ID. Following prototype training, Lieutenant Hernandez reported to the USS California (CGN-36).

He later transferred to instructor duty at NPTU Charleston, SC. While serving there, he was accepted into the Nuclear Enlisted Commissioning Program and reported to the University of Texas at Austin in April of 1994. He graduated with a B. S. in Electrical Engineering in May 1997. He was commissioned at Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL in September 1997.

Returning to the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program, Lieutenant Hernandez attended Officer Nuclear Power School in Orlando FL, Officer Nuclear Prototype Training in Charleston SC, and Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton CT.

Lieutenant Oscar Toledo Aviation Officer, University of Texas



Lieutenant Oscar J. Toledo, USNR, is a native of San Antonio Texas. He attended MacArthur High school and graduated in 1990. Following high school, LT Toledo attended the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Houston, where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in 1995. In June of 1995, he attended Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL, and earned a commission as a Student Naval Aviator. He attended Primary and Intermediate Flight School at VT-27, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, TX, and then went on to Milton, FL to complete Advanced Flight School, Rotary wing pipeline, at HT-18. After earning his wings of gold in December of 1995, LT Toledo was selected for the Light Airborne Multi-purpose System (LAMPS) community, flying the SH-60B out of Naval Air Station Mayport, FL. Following Fleet Replacement Pilot training at HSL-40, LT Toledo joined HSL-44 in August 1998. At HSL-44, LT Toledo deployed aboard USS Nicholson, DD-982, for a Mediterranean/Middle Eastern Deployment from October 1998 to May 1999. During this deployment, he flew over 100 hours/40 missions in support of OPERATION DESERT FOX in the Persian Gulf and more than 50 hours/20 missions in support of OPERATION ALLIED FORCE in the Adriatic Sea.

Following his first deployment, he deployed on various Counter Drug and South American (UNITAS) deployments as a Second pilot and Helicopter Aircraft Commander aboard USS Vicksburg, CG-69, USS Yorktown, CG-48, and USS O'Bannon, DD-987. From June to November of 2000, LT Toledo deployed aboard USS Klakring, FFG-42, as a Helicopter Aircraft Commander/Operations Officer for a South American (UNITAS) deployment. During this deployment, LT Toledo coordinated and planned various warfare exercises with various multi-national armed forces and flew over 300 hours in support of this mission. Throughout his tour at HSL-44, LT Toledo also served as the command Ground Safety Officer, Command Equal Opportunity Officer, Homeguard Maintenance Division Officer, and Functional Check Pilot. Following his tour at HSL-44, in December of 2001 LT Toledo reported for duty as an Assistant Professor of Naval Science at the University of Texas Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in Austin, TX, where he is currently stationed. There he teaches naval history and introduction to naval science to all freshmen NROTC midshipmen. He also serves as the unit freshman advisor at UT NROTC. LT Toledo is also currently pursuing his Master's of Business Administration degree at Baylor University.



Gunnery Sergeant Todd A. Schnakenberg Assistant Marine Officer Instructor, University of Texas

Gunnery Sergeant Schnakenberg enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in June 1987 and attended Recruit Training at San Diego, California. After recruit training he attended Avionics Technician School in Memphis, Tennessee and Reconnaissance Radar Technician School in El Toro, CA where he received the MOS of 6363 Reconnaissance Radar Technician.



GySgt Schnakenberg was assigned to VMFP-3, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in August of 1988 and served until August of 1990. During this tour he served as a Radar and Photographic Systems Technician for the RF-4B Tactical Reconnaissance Aircraft.

In August of 1990, GySgt Schnakenberg was assigned to Marine Air Group-11, S-2, 3rd Force Imagery Interpretation Unit and served as a Photographic Technician and Intelligence Analyst and was deployed to Southwest Asia and participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In October 1991, GySgt Schnakenberg was assigned to VMFA-314 until March of 1994. During this period GySgt Schnakenberg deployed aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln and participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Persian Gulf and Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. He served as an Avionics Technician, Watch Chief and Collateral Duty Inspector for the F/A-18 Strike/Fighter Aircraft.

In April of 1994, GySgt Schnakenberg attended Drill Instructor School at MCRD San Diego. Upon graduation he was assigned to "A" Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion where he served as Drill Instructor and Training NCO and trained 5 platoons.

In July 1996, GySgt Schnakenberg executed a lateral move and was assigned the MOS of 0511 Marine Air Ground Task Force Operations Planner and was assigned to Marine Forces Pacific G-4, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii where he served as Plans Chief until June 1999.

In August 1999, GySgt Schnakenberg was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps, Installation and Logistics, Washington, DC where he served as Plans Chief.

GySgt Schnakenberg hobbies include tournament bass fishing and golf. He is also involved with New Horizon Bass Angler's Youth Organization, which introduces young children to the sport of fishing and outdoor activities.

YNC Peter Porras Administrative Officer, University of Texas

YNC (SW) Peter Porras Jr., USN, received his Chief Anchors on 15 September 2000. He has served for eighteen years in the Yeoman Rating in the Atlantic Fleet. He is currently Administrative Officer for the University of Texas Naval ROTC Unit.

Chief Porras' assignments included Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command and Chief of Naval Personnel Washington D.C. as the Administrative Assistant and Flag Writer. He served at sea onboard the aircraft carrier, USS Theodore Roosevelt attached to Strike Fighter Squadron Eighty-Seven (Golden Warriors) as the Leading Petty Officer/Administrative Officer deployed to the Mediterranean during operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Provide Freedom, Provide Promise, Deny Flight, Southern Watch and Sharp Guard. Also, he served as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief, Director of Management for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington D.C. His following sea duty was onboard the USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) deployed to the Mediterranean during operations Shining Presence, Deliberate Force, Noble Anvil, Juniper Stallion, and Allied Force, all part of the Kosovo Campaign. A Texas native, YNC (SW) Porras and his wife, Diane reside in Pflugerville and have two children, Catherine and Raymond.





SK1 (SW) Busano Logistics Officer, University of Texas

Storekeeper First Class Surface Warfare Busano is currently the Supply Officer for the University of Texas Naval ROTC Unit.

He was stationed at NAVSCOLEOD, Indian Head, MD from 1987-1991, where he struck for SK. Then he transferred to NAS Gitmo Bay, Cuba, from 1991-1994, as the T-Shed supervisor. After that he was stationed on the USS George Washington, CVN 73, from 1994-1996, and after completing NEC 2824 he worked as IBS Co-coordinator. Then to ComNavSurfLant, from 1996-1999, as a Fleet expediter. Then onto NAS Keflavik Iceland, from 1999-2001, as Weapons Admin LPO. Then onto the USS Emory S. Land AS-39, La Madd Italy, from 2001-2003, as a 2825 tech, working as ESL financial manager.

SK1(SW) Busano and his wife, Dolores reside in Round Rock and have two children, Bernardine and Kadeem.

Janice Creech

Janice Creech (HRO/ASST), began Civil Service in 1989 at Chase Field, Beeville, Texas. Janice continued her career and it brought her to work at Ingleside, TX at PSD, San Antonio, TX at Kelly AFB (DECA), and Fort Sam Houston (DECA) before joining the University of Texas Navy ROTC Unit in the fall of 1998.

A Texas native, Janice Creech and her husband Bob, who is a retired Senior Chief, reside in Cedar Park. They are the proud parents of two children, Valerie and Clinton, and the proud grandparents of four grandchildren.



Gwen DeSilva

Gwen DeSilva joined the Naval Sciences Department at the University of Texas in August 2003. She is an Administrative Associate working as a University liaison for the Naval Science Department. She also has eleven years administrative experience at UT working at Applied Research Laboratories. Gwen grew up in Franklin, New York and graduated with a BS in Art Education from State University College at Buffalo, New York.

Gwen moved to Austin in 1979 and has worked as a commercial and facilities designer for several companies in the area before working for the University of Texas.

Gwen and her husband, Dan Dickens, live in Liberty Hill where they have been restoring an 1867 Victorian farm house. After ten years of restoration, they are happy to find more time to enjoy life in the country.

Fall 2003 Commissioning



CAPT Garrett stands by some newly commissioned officers.



Proud commissionees ready to experience the rigors of the Navy and Marine Corps.



The old with the new posing to show off their stuff.

Fall 2003 Commissionees:

**ENS Amy Almond
ENS Adam Clark
2nd LT Brad Dyar
ENS Brian Wolf**

Summer 2004 Commissionees: **ENS Wesly Bourland
ENS David Cornell
ENS Omar Rivera**

Spring 2004 Commissioning



ENS Bourland, Wesley
Engineering Officer
(Summer 2004)



ENS Brown, Robert
Nuclear Power School



ENS Long, Austin
Naval Flight School



ENS Nicholai, Robert
Naval Flight School



ENS Old, Carter
Surface Warfare Offi-



Two words: Hook em'



ENS Old signs his life away to the Navy



Before commissioning...



After commissioning— what a change!

Battalion Staff – Fall 2003

BNCO—OC Addam Clark
 BN XO—MIDN Robert Brown
 BN Ops—MIDN David Cornell
 BN Supply—MIDN Wesley Bourland
 BN Adj—OC Amy Allmand
 BN CPO—MIDN Brian Donovan
 Company CO—MIDN Lisa Loschiavo
 Company XO—SGT Troy Conrey
 Company 1SGT—MIDN Lena Haugen
 1st PLT CO—MIDN Carter Old
 2nd PLT CO—MIDN Manny Dominguez
 3rd PLT CO—MIDN Austin Long



Battalion Staff —Spring 2004

BNCO—MIDN Cornell
 BN XO—MIDN Loschiavo
 BN Ops—Sgt. Conrey
 BN Supply—MIDN Pero
 BN Adj—MIDN Dominguez
 BN CPO—SSgt. Guevara

A Company

CO: MIDN Old
 XO: MIDN Nicolai
 1st Sgt: MIDN Peltier

1st Platoon

CO: SSgt. Alba
 Plt Sgt: MIDN Courtney
 Guide: MIDN McBeth

2nd Platoon

CO: MIDN Haugen
 Plt Sgt: Sgt. Briley
 Guide: MIDN Silvia

B Company

CO: MIDN Long
 XO: SSgt. Stanley
 1st Sgt: MIDN Ford

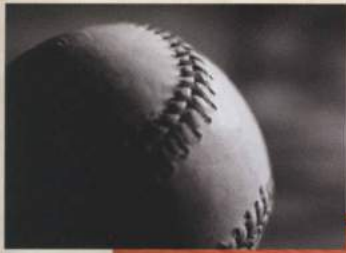
1st Platoon

CO: MIDN Rivera
 Plt. Sgt: MIDN Craig
 Guide: MIDN Cunningham

2nd Platoon

CO: MIDN Reich
 Plt. Sgt: Sgt. Chesla
 Guide: MIDN Ries





INTRAMURAL SPORTS





THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS NROTC HAS A DRILL TEAM, A PISTOL TEAM, AND A COLOR GUARD, BUT BY FAR THE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY THAT DRAWS THE MOST PARTICIPATION IS THE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM. WITH A TEAM IN NEARLY EVERY SPORT, THE BATTALION IS WELL REPRESENTED WHEN COMPETING AGAINST THE REST OF THE UNIVERSITY.

THE YEAR STARTED OUT SLOWLY WITH THE MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM FINISHING WITH A DISMAL 0 - 4 RECORD. WITH THE ADDITION OF THE LADIES HOWEVER, OUR COED TEAM PERFORMED MUCH BETTER WINNING 3 AND LOSING ONLY ONE, AND THEREBY EARNING A BIRTH IN THE PLAYOFFS. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE SOON ELIMINATED, THE COMBINED TEAM FOUGHT HARD. WHILE IN DALLAS DURING THE ANNUAL RUN, OUR COED TEAM ALSO LOST A HARD FOUGHT GAME AGAINST THE SOONERS' MEN'S TEAM. MIDN LOSCHIAVO PLAYED FIERCELY, TAKING OUT OU'S QUARTERBACK. THE TEAM REDEEMED ITSELF LATER DURING TRI-SERVICE PLAY. WE PREDICTABLY GAVE THE ARMY A SOLID BEATING. ALAS HOWEVER, THE AIR FORCE BEAT US, HAVING NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN PRACTICE FLAG FOOTBALL.



THE BASKETBALL TEAM HOOPED IT UP MONDAY EVENINGS THIS SPRING, WINNING ONE OF THEIR FOUR GAMES.

THE SOCCER TEAM CONTINUES TO PLAY THIS SPRING, WITH A CURRENT RECORD OF 2-0-1, WITH MORE GAMES YET TO PLAY. WITH LUCK, THE SOCCER TEAM WILL PERFORM AS IT HAS IN PAST YEARS, REMAINING UNDEFEATED UNTIL WELL INTO THE PLAY-OFFS. REMAINING TO BE PLAYED THIS SPRING ARE SOFTBALL, WHICH TRADITIONALLY DOES WELL, AND AN INDOOR SOCCER TEAM.

RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RECORDS OF SOME OF THE TEAMS, OUR COACHES SAY, "WE ALWAYS START OUT A LITTLE SHAKY, BUT AS ALL TEAMS DO, YOU LEARN THE SPORT AND THE TEAM." IF ONLY THE SEASONS WERE A LITTLE LONGER WE WOULD PUT TOGETHER BETTER RECORDS. AND BESIDES, IT ISN'T ALL ABOUT WINNING. THE "POINT OF INTRAMURALS IS TO COMPETE, BUT MOSTLY TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SOME GOAL...AND TO DRINK BEER."



DRILL/PNS INSPECTION & GUEST SPEAKERS

Below: Passing out the word of the day before drill commencement.



Below: Down time! Are you kidding? Make way for some training.



Below: LCDR Jake Ellzey, a prolific air warrior in the early campaign against terror, would set his "crosshairs" on UT.



Below: ADM (Ret.) Stansfield Turner intrigues the NROTC audience and bestows a little "intellectual escrow".



Above: MIDN Honea has the honor of distinguishing his platoon's superiority going into inspection.



Above: Major Kassner puts some pressure on the military bearing.

Above: The Skipper and the XO preside over the customary inspection.

2003 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

The year 1775 is a year of particular significance to the Navy and the Marine Corps, as it is the year that both of these branches of the United States military were established. As colonists fought fearlessly against the British for their lives and freedom, the newly formed Continental Congress established the US Navy on 13 October and the Marine Corps less than a month



later on 10 November.

Today, the UTNROTC celebrates these birthdays by throwing the annual Navy-Marine Corps Birthday Ball every fall semester. Formals are a time-honored tradition in the Navy and Marine Corps, and the same holds true for the UTNROTC Battalion. They serve as an opportunity to celebrate the amazing heritage of the naval services, as well as an excuse to have some good, clean fun with one's colleagues and peers.



On 18 October 2003, Midshipmen, Officer Candidates, MECEPs, and Staff gathered together at the Omni Austin Hotel to commemorate 228 years of outstanding tradition and valor. The MC for the night was MIDN 3/C Cunningham, and the guest speaker was Brigadier General Howard T. Prince II, whose speech centered on "Defining the 21st Century Officer." Among those honored during the beginning of the evening were soon-to-be Ensign's Allmand, Berroteran, Clark, and Wolf; and Second Lieutenant Dyar, all of whom were being commissioned following graduation at the end of the fall semester.



Highlights of the evening included the presentation of the Colors and the cutting of the cake. Despite the enormous chandelier looming directly over the dance

floor of the ballroom, MIDN Hamon was able to effortlessly maneuver the color guard underneath it without disturbing the glass. Later in the evening, MIDN Chapline and Officer Candidate Clark (the youngest and oldest battalion members, respectively) were served the first slices of cake in a ceremony that went off without a hitch. And it wouldn't have been a UT NROTC formal without singing along to David Allan Coe's infamous song "You Never Even Called Me By My Name"!

SPRING 2004 FORMAL



This year the spring formal was held on campus at the surprisingly spacious Union Ballroom. As the cocktail hour progressed, midshipman, staff, and their dates began to arrive. Everyone was looking sharp in his or her choker whites, especially a certain Colombian midshipman. More and more people packed into the Cactus Café until seven o'clock, when the dinner bell rang and everyone moved upstairs to start the event. After all had found their table, the sword line marched in for the

introduction of the head table and the presentation of the colors. Both went smoothly, showing the amount of training and effort put forth by the sword line and the color guard.



Dinner was served shortly after being seated. Later, as desert was being served, the guest speaker for the evening, Rear Admiral Fulcher, stood to give his speech. He shared with us his words of wisdom, telling us how much the Navy has improved over the years, how lucky we are to serve our country, and just how much he wished he could join



us. When his speech was over the traditional toasting was offered by various battalion members.

With the toasting spent, the ceremonies were called to a close. The sword line and color guard retired the colors, and the dance floor was opened up. Those who stayed for the dancing were definitely treated to a dance lesson by Chief Porras.

As the dancing wound down, everyone

began to make the journey home. The formal had proven to be a welcomed change of pace for those in attendance. The fun at the formal is just



a prelude to fun that is about to come at the party afterwards.



DRILL TEAM PISTOL TEAM & COLOR GUARD

After a two-year hiatus from competition, the oldest Navy ROTC drill team in the nation started off the spring semester with a bang by attending the Mardi Gras Meet at Tulane in February. The drill team competed in the Inspection and Basic Drill phases, and MIDN 4/C Nicholas Bauer competed in the Individual Exhibition category. Four members of the team competed in the Color Guard category as well, which was commanded by MIDN 2/C Douglas Ivey.

The 2003-2004 drill team was under the command of MIDN 3/C Catherine Grosvenor (pictured to the right with a sword), who was to reestablish many of the older traditions which have disappeared throughout recent years, such as competing in the Exhibition phase of the drill meet.

The UT NROTC Battalion is proud of the Buccaneers' exemplary demonstration of dedication and military bearing.

Below: MIDN 3/C Grosvenor, MIDN 4/C Cooke and the landscape imply the surrealism of a Magritte.



The Pistol Team continues to fortify our strong reputation among NROTC units nationwide. MIDN 1/C Austin Long (pictured third from left above in a spring 2003 photo) has participated in and most recently commanded the team, which competed at the Texas A&M Invitational this fall. The team held practices Tuesday evenings and practiced firing the 22. Caliber pistol, as well as the air pistol, which uses a compressed air mechanism. The purpose of the Pistol Team is to establish Esprit de Corps while developing basic marksmanship and general military readiness.



Above: Color guard highlights the pomp of changing command.

Right: MIDN 4/C Wood has ambitions of plundering "zee Germans" this summer during cruise.



Above: The drill team in all seriousness.



Left: MIDN 3/C Honea and MIDN 4/C Thompkins blend in with the locals.

SAILING AND THE SPRING REGATTA

This year's Sailing Regatta was held on April 24 at the Austin Yacht Club on Lake Travis. Each platoon designated three teams of two members apiece to sail in the competition, with each team completing a loop around the designated course before docking to allow the next team to exchange positions and complete the next loop. The remaining platoon members stayed ashore to be tested on the parts of a sailboat, and knot tying knowledge. Those who sailed had a chance to showcase their skills, and the race was made interesting with several lead changes, a few collisions, and an assault on the race participants with water balloons and other water powered weaponry led by Chief Porras. At the end of the Regatta everyone had a chance to sit down and discuss the day's events over some burgers and hot dogs. Special thanks to Mr. Steve Gay of the Austin Yacht Club for allowing the Battalion to use the club's facilities and sailboats, and for providing instruction and help throughout the day.

Below: Sponsor Steve Gay (with white cap and vest) gets events underway on "sailing power".



Right: The latter part of the evening was spent thawing out Midshipmen.



Right: LT Hernandez conducts his campaign on the littorals of Lake Travis.



Below: B-1 Platoon takes an early lead and doesn't look back.



Above: Steve Gay rallies the regatta participants for some preliminary instruction and necessary safety briefing.

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LEATHERNECKS

The Leatherneck platoon is mandatory for all MECEPs and Marine Option (MO) Midshipmen and welcomes any Navy Option Midshipman who rises to the challenge. The purpose of the Leatherneck platoon is to help prepare MECEPs and MOs for Marine Corps Officer Candidate School (OCS) and life as a Marine officer in the Fleet. This is accomplished by intense physical training, Bulldog classes taught by MECEPs within the Battalion who have been to OCS, and briefs conducted by Active Duty Marine Officers. The Leatherneck platoon also serves to educate Navy option Midshipmen by offering a glimpse into the Marine Corps life.

The Leathernecks PT every Wednesday at 0600, and the training consists of exercises commonly executed in the Fleet, such as formation runs with Marine Corps cadence. They also host a series of conditioning hikes with each hike longer, faster, and with a heavier pack than the previous. These hikes are generally held on Friday mornings.

Bulldog classes serve the purpose of teaching those who have not been to OCS necessary skills and knowledge to successfully graduate. These classes are taught by experienced OCS graduates. The classes teach such skills as Map reading, Land Navigation, Small Unit Tactics, Academics, and Leadership. These classes are sometimes supplemented by events such as the small unit tactics, formation training with paintball equipment, and tactical decision games. These classes are outstanding tools because they call on the valuable resources of knowledge and personal experience held by the Marines who can better prepare those of us who are following in their footsteps.



Dreams Can Come True

When the opportunity presents itself, the Leathernecks also take advantage of inviting Marine officers to come share their experiences. Captain Comunale came to share his experience as a AH-1 Cobra pilot during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. First Lieutenant Chesla shared his combat experience from Operation Iraqi Freedom as a MIAI Abrams tank platoon commander. These Marine officers help teach us about leadership in a combat environment. These types of briefs are more effective than holding a class describing procedures or tactics because seeing a Marine officer in person and hearing the description of actual events brings a realness to the training that is impossible to simulate in a classroom.



The Leatherneck platoon provides the Esprit de Corps and camaraderie prevalent in the Marine Corps. It is a challenging and rewarding experience for any Midshipman wishing to be a more experienced and well-rounded Naval Officer. *Semper Fidelis...*



Swift Silent and Deadly



Battalion Bloopers!!!



PT AND THE PRT/PFA

Morning PT is an integral part of training within UTNROTC. Weekly emphasis and a structured, challenging regiment provide the building blocks for a well-ordered and physically superior battalion. Our effort culminates toward the final PRT/PFA which every midshipmen, OC and MECEP much pass to successfully earn their commission. Our goal as always is to exceed the minimum standard.

Right: Marines enjoying the added fun of pull-ups during their fitness test.



Right: Doing some maintenance on the ol' "16 inch guns".



Below: Apparently there is some confusion as to what goes up and what stays down.

Below to the right: LT Whitt leads a motivated group through Austin traffic.

Bottom left: "All right sweet peas, who's ready for some real pain."



Bottom right: Navy and Marine Corps on three! Nothing starts the day off like a little PT.



Active Duty

SSgt Frank Alba
Middle Eastern Studies
Sgt Edwin Baezotero
Computer Science
Sgt Chris Briley
Business Management



Sgt Lucas Chesla
Kinesiology
Sgt Troy Conrey
Middle Eastern Studies
OC Jennifer Daniels
Government



Sgt Day, SSgt Guevara, & SSgt Alba: This one is definitely worth a thousand words...



SSgt Guevara coaches MIDN Wood at the range.

OC Frias and OC George pose together at the spring commissioning ceremony.



Sgt Day & Baezotero, SSgts Guevara & Alba, 2nd LT Nelson, and Major Kassner at the spring commissioning ceremony.



**Cpl Day is promoted to Sgt on 4
March 2004.**



SSgt Stanley represents the MECEPs and receives the Chevron Cup from Captain Inbody in both the Fall and the Spring semesters.

MIDN Ford and OC Frias at drill.



Sgt Jonathan Day
History

Not Pictured:
OC Ainsworth
History
OC Peek
Nursing



OC Daniel Frias
Physics
OC Ryan George
Electrical Engineering
OC Nancy Gill
Architectural Engineering



OC Adrian Gonzalez
Electrical Engineering
SSgt Jose Guevara
Physics
SSgt Brian Stanley
Communications

First Class Midshipmen

Bourland, Wesley
Mechanical Engineering
Cornell, David
Economics
Dominguez, Manuel
Government
Donovan, Brian
Government



Ford, Steven
Mechanical Engineering
Haugen, Lena
Aerospace Engineering
Long, Austin
Philosophy
Loschiavo, Lisa
Chemistry



Nicolai, Robert
Astronomy
Old, Carter
Government
Pero, Joshua
History
Reich, Zach
Electrical Engineering



Rivera, Omar
Sociology



Not Pictured: Robert Brown
Aeronautical Engineering

There seems to be a minor dispute between MIDN Cornell and MIDN Simmons during our first car wash.



Second Class Midshipmen

Carmon, Russell

Biology

Courtney, Heather

Psychology

Craig, Matt

Electrical Engineering

Ivey, Douglas

History



**MIDN Sean
McBeth demands
that the treasure
must be handed
over before he
takes over Bravo
II's sailboat.**



McBeth, Sean

Cell/Molecular Biology

Peltier, Donny

Aerospace Engineering

Ries, Adam

History

Silva, Josh

Chemistry



**Not Pictured: Marcus Foster,
Dagoberto Salinas**

Third Class Midshipmen

Abeto, Benjamin
Kinesiology
Bitant, Stephanie
Kinesiology
Callahan, Kionon
English
Crawford, Theresa
Psychology



Cunningham, Scott
Undeclared
Garza, Jennifer
Mexican American Studies
Grosvenor, Catherine
Government
Hamon, Kelly
History



Honea, John
Economics



Oscar, Tiffany
Nursing



MIDN Garza doesn't quite understand that the Navy no longer condones flogging.

Rueda, Daniel
Sociology
Stone, Timothy
Government
Tafreshi, Alexander
Kinesiology



Not Pictured: Pan, Paul
Management Information Systems

Fourth Class Midshipmen

Barber, Pat
Electrical Engineering
Barone, Ross
International Business
Bauer, Nicholas
Undeclared



Bowen, Jonathan
Aerospace Engineering
Chapline, Karen
Civil Engineering
Childers, Daniel
Chemical Engineering



Midshipman Bauer takes on the role of Sponge Bob Square Pants to help him finish the run to Dallas!



Midshipman Childers very skillfully struts his stuff at the Spring Formal.

Cooke, Chandler
Human Ecology
Flores, Dividian
Computer Science
Gamble, Theresa
Mechanical Engineering



Grell, Travis
Government
Haden, Stephen
Chemistry
Hanas, Courtney
Nursing



Midshipmen Hanas and Moreno enjoy pizza together during movie night.



Midshipmen Gamble and Hitt practice the three-man two-step with Chief Porras at the Spring Formal.



Hitt, Courtney
Business
Laird, Beau
Undeclared
Latham, Dayna
Aerospace Engineering



Le, Tina
Mechanical Engineering
Lunson, Adrienne
Finance
Maldonado, Richard
Physics





Dream on Provence... everybody knows they don't let nurses fly!



Midshipman Wood disguises himself like the locals in New Orleans while trying to concentrate on the drill competition



A night on the town in New Orleans!

Midshipman Moreno practices his aim at the range.



Massey, Edwin
Economics
Medina, Yonic
Chemical Engineering
Moreno, Nick
Civil Engineering
Pate, William
Biology



Provence, Yvette
Biology
Tanhehco, Emily
Nursing
Teinert, Amanda
Psychology
Thompkins, Donald
Biology



Wakefield, Lance
Engineering Undeclared
Wood, Christopher
Undeclared





The Annual Run to Dallas Fall 2004



Top: Mighty Midshipmen after a long run.

Middle Left: The trading of the UT and OU gameballs.



Every year to raise funds for needing organizations and to show our school spirit, the UTNROTC holds an annual Run to Dallas before the Red River Shootout. Midshipmen volunteer to run the 181 miles to Dallas carrying the game football.

Starting on the Thursday before the game, they carry the game ball all the way to the stadium in Dallas non-stop. Their mission is not complete until they turn in the football during the opening ceremonies.



Midshipman overlooking CAPT Inbody and UT's Mack Brown approach at our mighty Memorial Stadium.



UTNROTC provides colors for the opening ceremonies at the Texas/OU game.

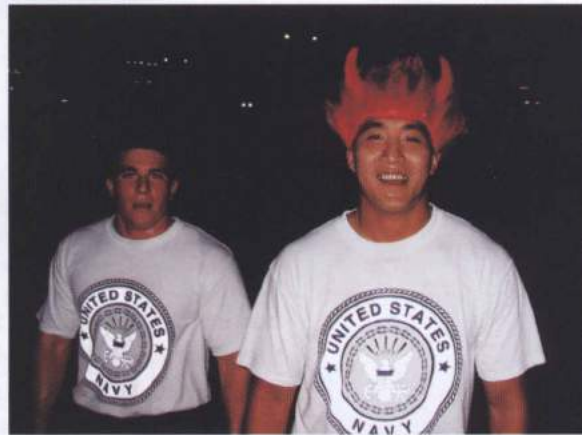
Yet rumor has it that it is a tradition at midnight for every volunteer to dress extravagantly. A tradition held on very close by the more outgoing sailors and marines.



Someone thinks a little highly of themselves.



MIDN Craig showing what keeps him going on the long runs. Side note: he has been spotted like this on a routine basis.



This wig has been in the Dominguez family for generations. Manuel Dominguez comes from a long line of wig wearers and hopes to pass it on to his children some day.



The ever popular downed aviator and the helpful French maiden scenario.



Yes ladies and gentlemen, your mighty sailors of the US Navy are hard at work protecting your freedom.

Professional Development



During the many years that midshipman, MECEP's, and officer candidates strive to become officers, we go through vigorous professional development training that prepares us for our future duties. This semester was no different and the battalion and staff leadership arranged multiple guest speakers and trips to further our understanding of the Marine Corps and Navy today.

The first professional development day was concerned with submarines. The commander of the PCU Texas came and visited us

during drill and provided an interesting prospective as to how a ship goes from the construction yard to the fleet. The Texas is being built as one of the new submarines that are part of the Virginia Class. We learned that the previous class of Seawolf had been canceled due to it's high cost and that the Virginia class was supposed to be more economical to run and cheaper to build due to sectioning. It was also really fascinating to see



the pictures of the commander and the first-lady who happens to be the sponsor of the ship. After the commander spoke, the admiral in charge of submarine procurement discussed the current arrangement of the US submarine force and the threats that it faces today. One example was the conversion of the SSBN's to SSGN, which can

launch well over a hundred cruise missiles, as well as a SEAL team. Lieutenant Hernandez also gave his own presentation and worked very hard to answer any questions that came up, all the while giving a persuasive speech in an attempt to convert those present into future sub officers.



The next development day was air day, which involved a variety of pilots coming to visit us. The first speakers were a couple of pilot instructors and their students from the Corpus Christi area. The students especially gave great insight to what life was like as a student naval aviator. Their honesty and straightforwardness were very helpful for those in the battalion that hope to become aviators. Next to speak was Commander Ellsey? and his wingman who had flown in that day from NAS Lemoore in California bringing with them a pair of F/A-18 Hornets. The commander had spoken earlier in the fall so nearly everyone was familiar with him and his personality. He and his wingman provided insight into what daily life in an active squadron was like. Later that afternoon, a group of midshipman and OC's visited Bergstrom International Airport where all the pilots had flown. Everyone took advantage of the unique opportunity provided by asking plenty of questions and by viewing the aircraft up close and personal. The majority of those present actually got to sit in the pilot's seat of most of the aircraft - under the close supervision of the pilots of course. The afternoon ended with the jet trainer turning on its engines and flying away in front of everyone.

As for the surface aspect, Lieutenant Whitt organized a trip to Corpus Christi. Early one Saturday morning, a group of Midshipman departed from UT at 0600 for the trip to Corpus. After a three-hour trip, the group went straight to the ship, which happened to be a minesweeper. Everyone practiced the time-honored tradition of asking permission to board the ship and a nearby Ensign, who was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer, gave everyone a tour of the ship. The tour of the ship included the engine room and the sonar room, which is used to detect mines in the water. The tour also included the bridge where the midshipman saw how the bridge was mainly computer controlled. When lunch-time rolled around, food was served on boarding the mess area. After about five hours, everybody hopped in the van and headed up north back to Austin arriving back at the unit around 1700.

The final installment of the professional development series concluded with Marine week, which consisted of a series of PowerPoint presentations by the MECEP's. They covered the history, core values, and current posture of the Marine Corps. Sergeant Day also gave a tactical analysis of what General Kurlak did during a particularly controversial maneuver in the Vietnam War.

With all the guest speakers and trips, the professional development series greatly improved the knowledge among all in the battalion and made sure that everyone had a fair and balanced view of each prospective warfare community.

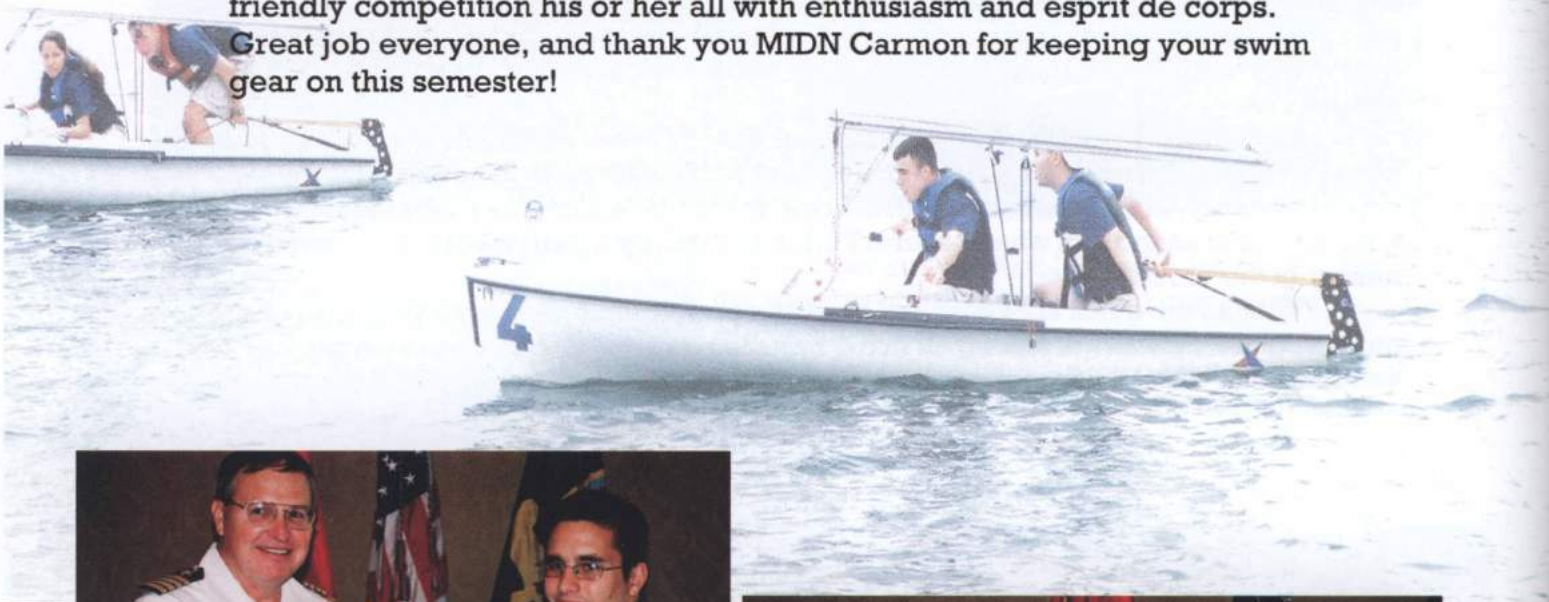


Spring 2004 Captain's Cup Competition

Every semester is brought to a close with the Captain's Cup Competition, in which all platoons compete with one another in events that test their military bearing, physical fitness, knowledge, and sailing proficiency. During the last three weeks of the 2004 Spring semester, the battalion members participated in a .20 caliber pistol shoot, Professor of Naval Science uniform inspection, 3-mile campus run, knowledge test, sailing competition, 500-meter swim, and 2-minute races in push-ups, sit-ups, and pull-ups.

There was fierce competition during the sailing regatta, with a few collisions, several near-capsizes and MANY penalty circles. Plus, Chief Porras was finally beaten at his own water fight when someone hurled him into the very cold Lake Travis. The overall winner of the competition was Alpha II, which also won in the Physical Fitness department. Bravo I was victorious in Professional Skills and Bravo II walked away as Academic champion. These platoons now proudly display their respective streamers on their platoon guide-ons – until they're up for grabs again in the fall semester that is!

Every midshipman, MECEP, and officer candidate gave this friendly competition his or her all with enthusiasm and esprit de corps. Great job everyone, and thank you MIDN Carmon for keeping your swim gear on this semester!



Top: Bravo I platoon commander MIDN Rivera accepts his award for professional development.



Right: Bravo II platoon commander MIDN Reich accepts his award for academics.

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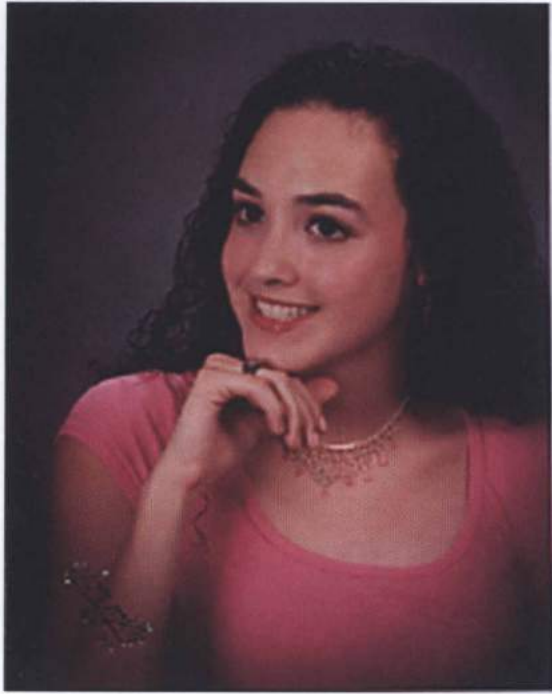


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*“He who commands the sea has command
of everything.”*

-Themistocles

Love and Best Wishes,
Mom and Dad



Yvette Lorena Provence

We know you will accomplish
All of your goals...

We love and support you
always.

Semper fi,
Mom and Dad





Congratulations Zach!

We are so proud of how you have been doing these last four years. Good luck in the Navy and in flight school!

Love,
Mom and Dad



**WAY TO GO
JOSHUA PERO!**

We are so very proud of you
and wish you the greatest of success
in your Naval career!

*Love,
Mom, Dad and Jordan*

*Angel,
As a little girl..*

*And as a young
woman,*



*you've always
made me proud!*

*Jenny Garza,
I love you.*

*Mom
May
2004*



*Congratulations on
your many NROTC awards
and recognitions.*

*We're proud you will be
serving our country.*

Love,

Mom and Dad



*Congratulations Nick,
You have all our love and
support.*

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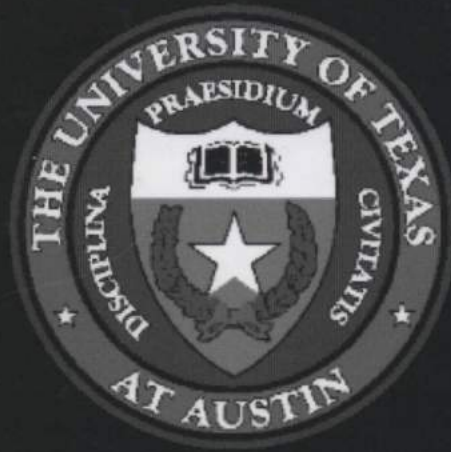
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