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by MIDN Tomaschko

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News from the Bridge

CAPT Christopher Adams,
Commanding Officer



After another two quarters or full semester (depending on whether your academic reference datum is of the Northwestern University or Loyola University Chicago variety),

I'm very happy to report the Northwestern University NROTC unit is continuing to excel in the mental, moral and physical development of future officers for the Navy and Marine Corps. As the following articles written by our midshipmen clearly illustrate, it's been a busy time for the battalion and the staff. Participation in the Notre Dame Basketball Tournament, a spring Marine Corps field training exercise in Indiana, participation in the drill meet at The Ohio State University, the Notre Dame Leadership Conference, color guard support to the Chicago Cubs at the "Northwestern University Night" home game, and two commissioning ceremonies that brought 5 new Ensigns/2ndLieutenants onto active duty all provided opportunities for our midshipmen to develop their leadership and showcase their talents and enthusiasm.

As I write this, much of the staff is busy supporting the first phase of the NROTC-wide consolidated New Student Indoctrination at Recruit Training Center Great Lakes, which began in earnest on 2 July and will run for the following three weeks at which time the second phase (also involving much of the Northwestern NROTC unit staff) will commence. While development of such an ambitious and large-scale event (with about 450 prospective midshipmen attending each session) has offered plenty of planning challenges and budget considerations have necessitated late-stage adjustments, I'm happy to report that all prospective midshipmen scheduled to enter our program next year – 4 scholarship recipients and 4 college programmers – made it through the vetting process and will be attending NSI.

Since the last edition of the Crows Nest we have welcomed two new officers onboard our staff as instructors, LT Michael "Rags" Ragsdale (Air Officer) and LT Wesley Sadler (SWO and Nuclear Officer), both of whom are featured in introductory articles in this edition. We have also, sadly, bid fair winds and following seas to LT Matt Arnold as he heads out for a tour as a TAO onboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON out of Norfolk after completing his MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Finally, please take notice of the small announcement toward the back of this edition after the Alumni News section regarding the Alumni Tailgate reception that is to be held after the football game during reunion weekend on the 26th of October from 3:30 – 5:30 PM. This event is being coordinated by the Class of 1969 – several of whose members made it to our most recent commissioning ceremony this year – and promises to be an especially memorable event.

Battalion Commander's Reflection

by Midshipman Schuller



Four years, three summer cruises, eight naval science courses, one E-race, and countless labs and PT sessions later I can see the end: graduation and commissioning.

ROTC has been the defining experience of my college years, and in my final year afforded me the opportunity to test my leadership skills as battalion commander.

I certainly won't pretend it was the smoothest of semesters for battalion events. We've had cancellations of the Iron Rambler, Dining In, nearly a week of operations lost to frigid temperatures, and a rather unfortunate end to the Notre Dame Basketball Tournament. To me, these bumps in the road don't represent failures, but rather learning experiences, and with each challenge I saw midshipmen rise to meet it, adapt to the changing situation, and accept what could not be changed. Therein lie the real learning experiences of NROTC, helping our midshipmen become better leaders and future officers.

There were plenty of successful events as well, such as the Ohio State Drill Meet, where the female E-Team took 1st place for the second year in a row, the Notre Dame Leadership Conference, the Purdue FEX, etc. On top of that, I had the privilege of watching other midshipmen grow into their billets, experience challenges and improve their leadership skills.

My advice to those coming through the pipeline would be to learn something from all of your experiences. Take something away from your classes, your PT sessions, meetings with the officers, and official or unofficial leadership experiences. It's easy to believe that you can learn how to be a leader by doing what other leaders have done. However your experience, the challenges you face and how you handle them, are the best learning opportunities and can tell you the most about who you are as a leader and how to improve.

I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to gain knowledge from Captain Adams in our weekly meetings and connect with and mentor the underclassmen billet holders. It was a memorable adventure to experience one final quarter of leading and influencing the NROTC Battalion that I have dedicated so much of my past four years to. Thank you to everyone who was a part of my experience and I wish and expect success in this battalion moving into next year and beyond.

Notre Dame Basketball Tournament

by Midshipman Mohammad

I have always known that our unit had talent in basketball and the Notre Dame Flyin' Irish Basketball Tournament was an opportunity to showcase our skills. I registered our battalion into the tournament and served as the team's captain. Going into the tournament, we did not know what to expect. It was the first year that our unit competed in the tournament, and we arrived in South Bend with confidence. Although we are a small unit and lacked depth, we had size and talent. Our first game was against Purdue NROTC. Despite having a close first half, Purdue NROTC pulled away with a huge victory over us. Our defeat served as rude awakening for the tournament.



While we had individual talents, we had to learn how to work together and utilize each person's abilities. It was our first time playing on the court together, and our performance reflected it. After a blowout defeat, we turned the tides and had opposite outcomes. The next two games were against Notre Dame's Air Force and Iowa State's Air Force teams. We got accustomed to playing with each other, and we had fun doing it. We won both games by huge margins. Despite our impressive victories, we barely missed the playoffs. We did not know what to expect coming into the tournament but we knew that our talents could have brought us further. For the next few years, I am confident that Northwestern NROTC will have a deeper run in the playoffs. I am glad to have served as the team captain and to start a tradition for years to come. The Notre Dame Basketball Tournament was a phenomenal opportunity to showcase our basketball talents and build camaraderie between midshipmen.



Notre Dame Leadership Conference

by Midshipman Maddox



In early February, I had the privilege to attend the Notre Dame Leadership weekend with some of my fellow midshipmen. While there, we heard from several notable speakers ranging from Fleet Master Chief O’Rawe to Major General Fick. Many of the speakers shared common themes from their careers. In particular, nearly all speakers advised us to become technical masters in our positions, to listen, to practice humility, and as always, to ask the chief. While this is critical advice for our future careers, some details were more prominent.

I learned from Captain Montalbano, USMC, to always, “Be regular and orderly in your life so you can be original and violent in your work.” From Fleet Master Chief O’Rawe, USN, I understood the importance of humility as he shared with us that, while he never went to college, he pushed himself to learn every day. Furthermore, he asked us to be examples for his children to look up to one day. Finally, from Captain Mountford, USN, I learned to value every moment of my time in the Navy. As he eloquently said, “It will be over before you know it and you’ll wish you could do it all over again.”

This lesson, above all, stuck with me. In my three years in ROTC alone, time has already flown by. I can only imagine how quickly it will pass once we reach the fleet. While we will all try our best to embody the lessons learned that weekend, I know that I realistically won’t be thinking of each of these leadership lessons every moment of my career. What I mean to say is, while their advice was truly valuable, I probably won’t remember Captain Montalbano’s inspirational quote when I’m doing paperwork or talking to a Sailor. I may not be thinking specifically of Fleet Master Chief O’Rawe’s kids when I’m standing watch. However, what every speaker had in common was a passion for their work and those they worked with. I learned that if we all value every moment in the fleet, if we work hard to lead our Sailors and Marines to the best of our ability, and if we love what we do, the rest will fall into place. Furthermore, we will wish we could do it all over again. Overall, it was an incredible opportunity that we were all grateful to have.

Field Training Exercise

by Midshipman McDonnell

For the spring Field Training Exercise (FTX), the Marine option Midshipmen traveled to Cary Camp near Lafayette, Indiana in late March. The Field Training Exercise was hosted by Purdue University, and schools including Notre Dame and University of Wisconsin-Madison attended. The purpose of the Field Training Exercise was to prepare Midshipmen going to Officer Candidates School (OCS). The weekend included day and night land navigation, small unit leadership exercises (SULEs), leadership reaction courses (LRCs), and multiple physical training evolutions. Additionally, Assistant Marine Officer Instructors (AMOIs), from the schools attending, acted as Sergeant Instructors to prepare the Midshipmen for the pressure and stress they will endure at OCS. Though it was technically “spring,” Lafayette, IN had a different idea, as we experienced heavy rainfall, sleet, hail, and snow in the two and a half days we were there. However, this did not stop our training! It was quite a memorable experience if you ask me! Overall, the evolution was extremely beneficial for me, since I check-in to OCS this summer. Being placed in an environment, like the FTX, provides you with an opportunity to show the hard work you have put in to studying the different graded portions, like SULE. In addition, it provides you with a deeper appreciation for the staff, at the Northwestern NROTC unit, and the time and commitment they put in to set us up for success. The best part of the weekend, for me, was ending the training with some pancakes at Cracker Barrel with my fellow Chicago Consortium midshipmen and staff!



OSU Drill Meet

by Midshipman Jack

This past semester our battalion went to The Ohio State NROTC Drill Meet. The weekend started with our unit dinner at Schmidt's Sausage Haus and Restaurant in the German Village of Columbus. There we were treated to a delicious dinner that set the tone for the rest of the weekend. I was able to take advantage of all the drill meet could offer. I competed in the pistol competition, the gunners cup, was the helmsman for the ship handling team and was a member of the close order drill team. This year's ship handling team, led by swotivator Midshipman Hufano, competed in a simulated outbound ship from a Mexican port to link up with a fleet. This challenge involved avoiding contact with Chinese warships, knowledge of rules of the road, clear lines of communication and complex decision making. The pistol competition and the Gunners Cup were both very fun as we were able to show our marksmanship skills with .22 caliber pistols. The pistol competition was very similar to Olympic style shooting with varying ranges, time to fire and rounds to fire. The Gunners Cup brought in a physical aspect into the shooting competition. The Gunners Cup starts with a one hundred meter dash, into five pull ups, twenty push ups and thirty sit ups. Then another run into the shooting range here you dawn your ear and eye protection, make your way to your pistol and then fire five rounds in fifteen seconds. The overall experience of the drill meet was beneficial as we displayed our abilities and built camaraderie with our fellow midshipmen.



Event List

1. Endurance race
2. Squad Drill



3. Ship Handling



4. Pistol Competition
5. Gunners Cup
6. B-ball Tourney



7. Color Guard

Ohio State Endurance Race

by Midshipman Belleque

It was a beautiful spring morning in Columbus, Ohio as we gathered around the exercise rig outside the ROTC building at The Ohio State University. This was the second year the unit had attended this drill meet and the second year I had run the endurance race there. However, during the safety briefing beforehand, I could already tell they had looked for ways to make it more uncomfortable.

The stated distance was a little over 12 miles, but after the fact, Midshipman Mohammad's smart watch informed us it was closer to 14.5. It began with dead hangs and lunges, and soon we were off into the predawn campus, on a race that would take many hours to complete. The start consisted mostly of running between stations with our one 45lb pack. At around the halfway mark, we were given two 50lb sandbags to carry for several stations. A tower climb followed after dropping the sandbags, emphasizing the "endurance" part of the race. The second half was even more grueling, with buddy carries and log PT. Finally we finished the race with 200 pullups and 16 rope climbs for the team.

Overall, our Navy team finished in 4.5 hours and our Marine Option team unfortunately had injuries that prevented them from completion. However, our female team, with only three members instead of four, was able to snag 1st place at the meet.



Study Abroad

by Midshipman Dao



This past fall I had the privilege to study abroad at Loyola University's campus in Rome, Italy. During my semester I was able to continue my studies while seeing a large part of the world. Throughout my time I was able to travel to many different places such as Norway, Ireland, Germany, Morocco and many more. In each new place I went, I had the opportunity to learn about the history, culture, and people. It was a dynamic challenge to go somewhere new every week and have to adapt to cultures and societal norms that were, at times, drastically different.

While traveling around Europe and Africa was a highlight of my semester, being able to live in Rome for a semester was just as exciting. When I wasn't in classes I would typically be wandering around the city. With thousands of years of art, architecture and culture there was never a dull moment. Rome has nearly a thousand beautiful and extensively detailed churches, along with hundreds of beautiful fountains. These attractive sites, along with monuments such as the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Roman Forum and the Vatican, ensured that I would never have a dull moment or an unattractive view while living in Rome. And what is the best way to view sites such as the Colosseum? I would say it is with a delicious meal and aesthetically delightful outdoor seating at any of the local restaurants.

The only thing that was better than the sites and the food that I experienced was the people. With so many different cultures and religions geographically located so close to each other, there was never a dull conversation when meeting new people. My favorite memories were sitting with new friends at cafe's, gelato shops or at the local pubs and sharing our stories and culture.

I highly encourage all my student peers to take opportunities like these during their collegiate careers. I made memories and had experiences that have shaped my character. The lessons I have learned and the skills that I have gained are sure to aid in my future career, not only in the fleet, but also beyond.



Spring Review

by Midshipman Witte



One of the Battalion's most cherished traditions is the annual Spring Review ceremony. This is the stage where our hard work throughout the year—both in the classroom and on the PT field—is properly recognized. Thanks to the contributions of charitable societies, veterans' groups, and institutions such as USAA, many of us were honored with specially endowed awards. In addition to ribbons, medals—and even a Leatherman multitool—perhaps the most important award given was the Midshipman Fund Scholarship. Although NROTC scholarship Midshipmen have their tuition and book costs covered by Navy, it's not enough to pay for the high cost of room and board at Northwestern and Loyola, or cover other educational costs. The Midshipman Fund Scholarship is thus a critical extension of support from the community, and is a testament to the spirit of leadership among the alumni who are able to raise these funds each year.

In addition to the awards, Spring Review's significance comes from the Change of Command ceremony that marks the end of one Battalion Commander's tenure and the beginning of another. The symbolism of a graduating soon-to-be Ensign handing the guidon to a rising senior is a powerful reminder of two important lessons that I have learned through NROTC: the necessity of teaching future generations, and our own impermanence. As future commissioned officers, one of our central tasks is to cultivate good leadership among our enlisted teammates and junior peers. This is important because while people move in and out of billets each year, the consistency of lessons learned and taught continues to make us a strong and effective fighting force.



Notes from the Scholarship Board

Greetings from the Naval ROTC Scholarship Fund Board, after what has been a very busy and exciting Spring! In March we reviewed scholarship applications and voted to award \$67,000 in grants to nine very impressive Midshipmen. The following month we held our annual Scholarship Fund board meeting, which was timed to coincide with the unit's annual Spring Review in Evanston. This gave six of our board members the opportunity to present this year's scholarship awards in person and meet many of the Midshipman grant recipients. This was a thrill for each of us and gave us a real-time reminder of why the work we do on the Scholarship Fund is so important. The grants enabled by your generous donations are making a tremendous impact on our Midshipmen. Each Midshipman we met had a unique, personal story that highlighted the role the Scholarship Fund grant played in helping alleviate financial strain for them and their families. Thank you for your continued support of the fund and our Midshipmen. Attending Spring Review was a very impactful way for us to start our annual board proceedings, a highlight of which was a very informative unit overview from Commander Vosler, the unit's Executive Officer.

One of my favorite duties on the Scholarship Fund board is to tell the stories of the many accomplished alumni of the Northwestern NROTC Unit. For this writing I have a story of my own, one sparked by the recent 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. For me, that day was a time of personal reflection as I considered my own small connection to the heroes of D-Day, as well as the role Northwestern NROTC alumni played in the broader war efforts. While on active duty I served as a Surface Warfare Officer aboard the USS Morton L. Deyo (DD-989). The ship's namesake retired as a Vice Admiral, but his signature career achievement was the role he played in planning and executing the D-Day landings. On June 6, 1944, then Rear Admiral Deyo commanded Neptune Force "U," directly supporting the landing of the U.S. First Army at Utah and Omaha beaches.

Because of this connection to D-Day, in 1994 the USS Deyo was invited to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the landings as part of the USS George Washington (CVN-73) battle group. I was lucky enough to be aboard Deyo then, along with my classmate, friend, and fellow Surface Warfare Officer LTJG Chad Binder (NU Class of '92).

We had many D-Day veterans from multiple branches of service aboard Deyo over the course of the several day commemoration. I had the privilege of speaking with some of them at length about their experiences during the landings and the war. What struck me is how clearly they remembered each detail of their experiences even 50 years later, and how none of them considered themselves a hero. The culmination of our time in Normandy was anchoring off Point du Hoc to serve as a backdrop for President Clinton's address to the veterans of D-Day. Having a chance to be in Normandy to honor those who literally shaped world history was something I will never forget; these were some of my most memorable days on active duty. June 6th was also a time to remember the many Northwestern NROTC alumni who served in World War 2, especially the twenty-three men who died over the four years of combat. It's a reminder that our unit has a long and proud legacy of service and sacrifice; a legacy that has developed future Navy and Marine Corps leaders since 1926. Your donations to the Scholarship Fund help us continue that legacy. As always, we would love to hear from you. Alumni news and updates can be submitted to John Ferrara (NU '00) at jferrara9@yahoo.com. Your updates will be included in future editions of the Crow's Nest, as well as on the Scholarship Fund website (www.nu-nrotc.org).

While we don't use these updates to solicit donations, be on the lookout for our next solicitation letter this fall. We also accept tax-deductible donations anytime sent to the Scholarship Fund at 14197 Classique Way, San Diego, CA 92129. We continue to be thankful for all of you - for your past support and future consideration.



Midshipmen Scholarship Fund Recipients

The Midshipmen Scholarship Fund is created by a board of veterans who have generously decided to give donations to college students in our unit. Although tuition is covered by NROTC, most midshipmen find it difficult to pay for additional expenses. The midshipmen fund has drastically helped NROTC students focus on school and graduate with little to no debt.

- "Because of the scholarship I am able to officially graduate debt free, on my own. It has allowed me parents the financial freedom to retire without worrying about how to help me pay for school."
-MIDN Maddox
- "The scholarship fund was put towards supporting my living arrangements during my last year at college. With all of the stress that comes with one's final year, I was happy to not have to worry about financial issues"
- MIDN Hufano
- "The scholarship fund has allowed me to pay for college on my own. This has let my family focus on giving my younger sibling the best opportunities for their future."
-MIDN Tomaschko
- "I would like to sincerely thank the alumni for their generous financial assistance over the past years. As a former college programmer, the scholarships have helped ease a significant financial burden, for which I am both honored and grateful."
-MIDN McDonald
- "The MIDN Fund scholarship has allowed me to further my educational goals by making it easier for me to participate in engineering clubs at Northwestern, like the Concrete Canoe team."
-MIDN Aguilar

Chicago Cubs Game

by Midshipman Brady

On May 6, 2019 the Northwestern Color Guard had the pleasure in presenting the colors during the National Anthem at the Chicago Cubs vs. the Miami Marlins game. The whole event was coordinated by our Color Guard Commander, MIDN 1/C Matthew Hufano, and a contact from the Uniformed Service Organizations (USO) of Illinois. When we first arrived, we were led to a room designated for the storage of our supplies in addition to being a “hang out” room before our big shining moment. Next thing we knew, we were being led to practice behind the pitcher’s mound. We had one run-through, and then it was game time! Once signaled, we marched onto the field in formation and prepared to present the colors. The moment the first note of the National Anthem began, you could hear a pin drop and all the attention was on the National Ensign. Throughout the anthem, fans were singing along and expressing their excitement for the game to come. Once the final note sounded, we marched off to tremendous applause both for us, and the vocalist of that evening.

Throughout the night, it was impossible to miss the feelings of gratitude we received from the people in attendance. We were thanked endlessly for our participation in this ceremony as well as for our dedication to serve our nation. Overall, this opportunity filled me, and my fellow midshipmen of the Color Guard, with an immense sense of pride, because we were able to partake in a tradition that means so much to our nation and its people.



Meet LT Ragsdale

- Which commissioning source did you graduate from and how has that experience shaped you as an officer?

I was commissioned through the NROTC program at the University of Michigan in 2013. I was fortunate to hold many MIDN billets during my four years there which helped me improve my time management skills by balancing academics, NROTC commitments, and social activities.

- What billet in the Navy has been your favorite?

I am coming from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 26 (HSC-26), where I served as the Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) Officer. My role was a balance between administrative work and flying. I ensured pilots and aircrew completed their required aircraft qualifications, and I also administered yearly "check ride" flights. These flights tested a pilot's knowledge and maneuver proficiency in the aircraft, and were a chance to practice emergency procedures that, while challenging, helped build expertise in the aircraft.

- What has been your greatest leadership challenge so far and how did you deal with it?

Early in my fleet tour, I was charged with replacing a division officer who was fired for mismanagement. The maintenance division I oversaw had recently failed an important inspection, and it was on me to get them back on track and able to pass the final inspection. I was able to accomplish this task through building a solid relationship with my Senior Enlisted and by ensuring Sailors were taking ownership within their programs.

- What is one mistake you witness leaders making more frequently than others?

The fastest way to lose respect as a leader is by thinking you're better than, or know more than, those you lead. At the end of the day, you may be the one making the final decision on most matters, but even the most junior Sailor can positively contribute to your decision making process. Stay humble!

- What is something that you look forward to doing at our unit?

I am most excited to be apart of the maturation of future Naval Officers here at the unit, and being the connection between Naval Aviation and the students here. Some of the advisors I had while going through NROTC were very influential on molding me into the officer I am now, and I hope to instill that same positive change for the MIDN here.

Meet LT Sadler

- Which commissioning source did you graduate from and how has that experience shaped you as an officer?

I graduated and commissioned from the United States Naval Academy in May of 2013. Graduating with a class of over a thousand junior officers going into the Navy or Marine Corps helps you gain an appreciation for all the communities. I loved the Academy and my time there, but the fact is that while all commissioning sources produce junior officers with different strengths and weaknesses, every junior officer faces a steep learning curve when they enter the fleet and you will become close friends with fellow junior officers from every background.

- What was your previous assignment? How does that previous leadership role there differ from your current role?

I am coming from my nuclear division officer tour on USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78). I qualified as a Propulsion Plant Watch Officer after my first few months onboard and then became the Reactor Controls Division Officer. I was responsible for 43 chief and petty officer Electronics Technicians and all of the reactor control and safety electronic equipment for the carrier's two reactors. After completing the Nuclear Engineer certification process in Washington, DC, I returned to the ship and was promoted to the Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant (CRA).

While training sailors and other officers was a significant part of my last assignment, all of the other responsibilities for running the plants would often dominate my time on the aircraft carrier. Here I am looking forward to focusing entirely on teaching and mentoring so that I can help enable midshipmen go on to be successful, transformative leaders within their Navy/Marine Corps communities.

- What has been your greatest leadership challenge so far and how did you deal with it?

My greatest leadership challenge was being thrown into my role as CRA on the aircraft carrier after the previous CRA was fired for poor performance. This was a billet for officers that had a minimum of ten years of experience. I was put in the role without the required schools or turnover and we were only weeks from entering the shipyard which would present more challenges than the ship had ever faced. I worked as hard as I could to play catch-up, but if I tried to tackle everything by myself I would have failed. It was only by leveraging the skills of all of my talented enlisted laboratory technicians and fostering buy-in from all 270 people in Reactor Department that the ship was able not just to make the successful transition to the shipyard, but did so without a single deficiency or incident.

- What is your advice for up and coming junior officers?

Stay humble and never pass up an opportunity for more responsibility and challenges. As a junior officer you will constantly be thrown into new situations. While you are often in a leadership role, remember that even the most junior sailor has experiences and knowledge to offer. Humility and a willingness to ask questions will get you so much farther and help you grow so much faster than false cockiness or bravado.

Loyola Commissioning

by Midshipman Aquino

On 11MAY2019, Edward Laviste, Mark Mohammad, and Bailey Placek commissioned into the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Mundelein Auditorium was filled with loved ones who were ecstatic to celebrate the culmination of the commitment and discipline these three gentlemen have displayed since attending New Student Orientation in the summer of 2015. Four years of early mornings, leadership billets, summer trainings, and many learning experiences later, these three have earned their college degree and the opportunity to lead as officers. Though Second Lieutenant Laviste jokes that “it all started because I wanted a free backpack,” there is no question that these gentlemen have used their midshipman experience to creatively develop their character and leadership ability before ultimately honing it all out in the fleet.

Ensign Mohammad (of Bolingbrook, IL) has service selected Naval Flight Officer and is heading to Pensacola, FL in October. Second Lieutenant Laviste (of Woodridge, IL) and Second Lieutenant Placek (of Bolingbrook, IL) will be reporting to The Basic School in Quantico, VA in September. The midshipmen at Northwestern NROTC thank you three for your contributions and friendships, and wish you all the best in your military careers and beyond!



Northwestern Commissioning

by Midshipman Belleque

Segal Visitors Center offers a wonderful view of Lake Michigan and of the Northwestern Sailing Center and has hosted Northwestern's NROTC commissioning ceremony for the past few years. On June 21, 2019, Ellen Peters and Jimmy Schuller were commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, USMC and an Ensign, USN respectively. CAPT Chris Adams, USN, Commanding Officer of NROTC Northwestern, spoke to the development of both new officers over their four years at Northwestern, and to the challenges ahead in the new era of great power competition. Along with other distinguished faculty and guests, Professor and President of Northwestern University, Morty Schapiro attended and gave remarks. He spoke about the wonderfully poignant view for a Naval commissioning, how much he appreciated the service of the commissionees, and the importance he placed on attending every year. 2ndLt Peters and ENS Schuller were then sworn in, received their first salutes, and each gave remarks expressing their appreciation.



Alumni News

- Kenneth C. Craig - 1946: "I am still sailing along at 97. My wife and I used to enjoy spending winter months in our Arizona home, but now have settled into our Wheaton, Illinois home to be with family." (06/19)
- G. Donald Marseille - 1951: "Have lived on the Olympic Peninsula, Washington State, in retirement for over 30 years. Served on active duty as a supply/disbursing officer 1952-1955. I wonder what classmates are still alive and well." (05/19)
- Sarkis S. Sarkisian - 1953: "I graduated in 1953 in Civil Engineering, received my commission in the Navy Civil Engineering Corps (Seabees) and was the Battalion CO of the NROTC graduation class. I had a long career in the San Francisco Bay area in heavy building construction. I retired as a LCDR. My last three years in the reserves, I was the CO of a reserve Seabee battalion headquartered at Alameda Naval Air Station in California. I am in reasonably good health at the age of 89!! Best wishes to all." (05/19)
- Darse E. Crandall, Sr. - 1959: "Our son, Rear Admiral Upper Level Del Crandall, Class of 1984 at NU, is Deputy Jag. His middle son, Andrew Crandall, Class of 2016 at NU, went through OCS at Newport and was commissioned an Ensign on November 21, 2018. He is now serving on board the USS Benfold in Yokosuka, Japan." (05/19)
- Philip W. Stichter - 1960: "Enjoyed attending the Leopold Lecture with Jim Eckelberger, Class of 1960." (06/19)
- Richard E. Allen - 1961: "Richard E. Allen, '61, of Westchester, CA spoke to a crowd of more than 200 aviation enthusiasts at the Western Museum of Flight at Torrance Airport in Los Angeles county. The audience, including retirees of Douglas Aircraft Company, celebrated the restoration of a Douglas A-4 Skyhawk that will go on display at the museum. Allen, a retired U.S. Navy Captain, flew this Skyhawk in the 1970s while in the Naval Air Reserve. He flew more than 150 combat missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Allen is a past president of the NU Club of Los Angeles. He and his wife, Lynne, are the parents of three adult children all of whom are teachers in Los Angeles. They have four grandchildren. He is still in close touch with NROTC mates CAPT Bob Reed, Steve Romaine, Paul Bennett, Dan Hess, and CAPT Mike Mulford." (05/19)
- R. Lee Griffith - 1970: "Lee is doing four sprint triathlons this year." (05/19)

Alumni News Continued

- Kenneth T. Dickerson - 1981: "Looking forward to my Reserve retirement benefits when I turn 60 this summer. I can't believe its been over 10 years since I retired as a drilling reservist and 38 years since receiving my commission upon graduating from NU. Time sure does fly!" (05/19)
- Jeffrey M. Harper - 1982: "Stationed or living in Norfolk? Connect with civilian and military alums through the NU Club of Virginia. Football and basketball game watches and other events. Check Alumni.Northwestern.EDU/Virginia or search Northwestern Wildcats in Virginia on Facebook." (06/19)
- Bradley J. Peterson - 1983: "Life is busy and good. My business is moving ahead – we are building an air separation plant – we will be breaking air into its components and producing liquid oxygen, liquid nitrogen, and liquid argon. If you need gas anywhere around MN, call me!" (05/19)
- Peter N. Harris - 1988: "Peter and Marci are hard at work adjusting to the start of their empty-nester years." (04/19)
- David J. Dietz - 1989: "Took command of NR SPAWAR 407. Starting and ending my active duty career in Charleston. Retirement date November 2020." (05/19)
- David P. Hoffman - 1990: "David is now Vice President of Quality at CommScope following that company's acquisition of his former employer. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in a suburb north of Philadelphia. Their youngest daughter, Emmaline, just graduated college in IL with a BS Nursing degree." (05/19)
- Todd D. Connor - 2000: "I am CEO of Bunker Labs which helps military veterans start businesses." (05/19)

Alumni Tailgate

Plans are underway for the Northwestern NROTC unit to hold a reception for returning NROTC graduates during Reunion Weekend in October. The event will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26th at the Northwestern NROTC unit (617 Haven Street, Evanston IL). All returning Northwestern NROTC graduates and their guests are invited. If you are interested in attending please contact Richard Briggs, Class of 1969, at richard@rbriggslaw.com or (310) 540-7707. See you then!

Lost Souls

We have lost track of the following NROTC Unit alumni. If you know the whereabouts of anyone listed here, or if you know that someone listed here is deceased, please pass that information to Bob Shaw at bshaw1057@gmail.com.

Lost Members of the Class of 1930-1945: None

Lost Members of the Class of 1946: Mr. Robert C Stevens

Lost Members of the Class of 1947: Mr. Edward N. Brown, II, Mr. John T. Snyder

Lost Members of the Class of 1948: None

Lost Members of the Class of 1949: None

Lost Members of the Class of 1950: Mr. Paul Colen

Lost Members of the Class of 1951: None

Lost Members of the Class of 1952: Mr. Lyman King

Mr. Richard W. Walker, LCDR G. Allan West, SC, USNR (Ret.)

Lost Members of the Class of 1953: Mr. Anson M Whitfield

Lost Members of the Class of 1954: Mr. John E. Arms

Lost Members of the Class of 1955: Mr. Donald P. Brown

Lost Members of the Class of 1956: None

Lost Members of the Class of 1957: None

Lost Members of the Class of 1958: Mr. John E. Barnes, III

Lost Members of the Class of 1959: Mr. Lawrence H. Melin Jr

Mr. Gerald D. Reed

Lost Members of the Class of 1960 None

Lost Members of the Class of 1961 Mr. Richard F. Ingram

Mr. David L. Marks

Lost Members of the Class of 1962 Mr. Robert E. Calvert

Mr. James R. Michael

Lost Members of the Class of 1964 Mr. James R, Oreilly, Mr. Ronald C. Wilkinson

Lost Members of the Class of 1965: Mr. Thomas H Meeker

Lost Members of the Class of 1966: None

Lost Members of the Class of 1967: Mr, Joseph C, Davis, Mr. Robert A. Shearer

Lost Members of the Class of 1968 Mr. Richard J. Both

Mr. Harry R. Hebblewhite, Mr. James D. Montgomery, Jr.

Lost Members of the Class of 1969 Mr. Walter N. Gregory
Mr. Robert W. Thompson

Lost Members of the Class of 1970 Mr. Tom E. Mitchell
Mr. Steven R. Weisbrod, Mr. Gary L Zambito

Lost Members of the Class of 1971 Mr. Richard E. Armstrong

Lost Members of the Class of 1972 Mr. Richard P. Welch

Lost Members of the Class of 1973 None

Lost Members of the Class of 1974 None

Lost Members of the Class of 1975 Mr. John J Boyle

Lost Members of the Class of 1976-1983 None

Lost Members of the Class of 1984 Mr. Christopher Hagen

Lost Members of the Class of 1985 None

Lost Members of the Class of 1986 None

Lost Members of the Class of 1987 Mr. John R Brownell
Mr. Peter Phillips, Mr. William W Townsend

Lost Members of the Class of 1988-1993 None

Lost Members of the Class of 1994 Ms. Susanna T. Finch

Lost Members of the Class of 1995- 2000 None

Lost Members of the Class of 2001 LCDR Eruca Sutherland

Lost Members of the Class of 2002-2009 None

Lost Members of the Class of 2010 LT Luke J Adams

Lost Members of the Class of 2011 LTJG Katherine McLean

Lost Members of the Class of 2012 ENS Jordan C. Rivera-Klein

Lost Members of the Class of 2013 2nd Lt. Eric J. Berntson
LTJG Amber M Meer

Lost Members of the Class of 2014 Ashlie M. Satterfield

Lost Members of the Class of 2015 None

Lost Members of the Class of 2016 None

Lost Members of the Class of 2017 ENS Lauren Kearney, ENS Philip Kulas

Lost Members of the Class of 2018 ENS Christopher M Dungey