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NEWS FROM THE BRIDGE

CAPTAIN KLASZKY



Happy New Year 2023 and I hope everyone had a great holiday season with family and friends. I am looking forward as we begin the winter term with what is appearing to be a somewhat milder Chicagoland winter than what we have experienced in the past, but I know we still have February ahead of us!

It's hard to believe that this will be my last year in uniform and in command of the best NROTC Consortium in the country! My relief has also been identified. CAPT Jim Edwards, a nuclear-trained Surface Warfare Officer, will be arriving in Summer 2023 and is coming from Commander, Pacific Fleet in Hawaii (a big change in weather for him to be sure). I expect our change of command will take place in August 2023 so he can take the helm before the Fall 2023 academic term begins.

This year will bring forth many active-duty staff personnel changes, including our Marine Officer Instructor and three of our Midshipman Advisors. We will also see our gapped Executive Officer billet filled with the arrival of CDR Kevin Riley, who will be arriving in April and coming from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Our previous XO, CDR Matt Gray, retired in July 2022 and is currently a pilot at SkyWest Airlines in Chicago. We wish him and his family nothing but the best!

This coming year will be filled with many exciting events for our NROTC Midshipmen, including the Notre Dame Leadership Weekend and Tulane Drill Meet in February. We are now operating as we were before the pandemic and I am hopeful that we can get out into the local Chicagoland communities to show the public what the NROTC program can offer. This past fall we saw an increase in the number of freshman Midshipmen and I want keep up our recruitment efforts!

Once again, I want to personally thank the Northwestern NROTC Alumni Scholarship Fund Committee and other sponsors for their continued generous financial support to our Midshipmen. Your support and generosity are deeply appreciated – thank you!

To our Midshipmen, although the weather can be dreary during the Chicago winter months, I am looking forward to a great start in 2023. Continue to make academics and personal physical fitness your top priorities. Support one another and keep your chain of command informed. We want you all to succeed!

Thank you for your continued hard work, dedication, and support to one another. Continue to do your best academically, remain physically active, and stay in shape! I look forward to seeing you all on campus and during our leadership labs!

R. A. KLASZKY

BATTALION COMMANDER REFLECTION

Midn 1/C FOREMAN



As one of the smaller NROTC units in the country, I can attest that size does not coincide with the dedication and mental fortitude of our midshipmen. One of the many advantages of a smaller unit is the unbreakable relationships you build. With only 19 midshipmen currently enrolled in our NROTC program, there is a bond between each of us that only gets stronger as time rolls on. These young men and women have built relationships that continuously inspire and strengthen our mission of growing morally, mentally, and physically, both as future officers and as individuals.

This semester, like any other, produced challenges that we had to overcome. With one of our bigger incoming classes in recent years, upper class midshipman had to take on more leadership responsibilities to ensure a smooth transition of knowledge. There needed to be those trusting relationships in order for us to collectively succeed and reach our goals as a unit. Through rigorous PT sessions, informative Leadership Labs, and other engaging events, Northwestern midshipmen diligently step up to the plate and conquered the semester together.

I have had the distinct honor of being the Battalion Commander of Northwestern NROTC and there is no other unit to which I would rather belong. I have seen firsthand the growth of each midshipman and congratulate them on their successful semester. Moving forward as a unit, there will be many more obstacles we face. We mustn't lose sight of our goals nor waver in instilling one another with the highest ideals of honor, courage, and commitment. I wish the best of luck to all our midshipman as they continue down this path and I urge you to always live in the moment. These four years go by more quickly than you think. Soak in every second of the journey and always look to challenge yourself; that is how you grow.

Marine OCS

Midn 1/C Foreman

“Embrace the suck.” A phrase that is constantly repeated but always rings true. During my time at Officer Candidate School, I was thrown into a lot of new challenges and had to adapt. The rigorous workouts, drinking two gallons of water just so you wouldn’t pass out on the parade deck during drill--it didn’t seem worth it at the time. While OCS definitely presented a lot of difficulties, I slowly found enjoyment through it all. Those early wake ups, crawling through the thick sludge of the Endurance Course and grueling hikes aren’t great in the moment, but you do it for your fellow candidates. No one succeeds at OCS without leaning on the constant support of their platoon members. Realizing as much will make the change more bearable, but change is good. When you have your fellow candidates going through it all alongside you, everything slowly comes into focus. You begin to realize why you’re there and why you made the decision to go. Nothing is going to be handed to you on a silver platter while you’re at OCS, nor as you continue down this path. Study hard, work harder, and as you continue on, you’ll begin to understand that it’s all worth it in the end.

4/C Fall Reflection

MIDN 4/C BERNSTEIN

Coming out of NSI III, I expected NROTC at Northwestern to be a similar experience. I prepared myself for no eye contact, limited conversation, and no direct communication with upperclassmen. But when I entered Haven for the first time, it was a totally different reality. My fellow 4/C midshipmen and I were greeted by a supportive mentor and more experienced midshipmen. We were provided with all the resources and contacts to succeed, and with the instrumental support of the staff and upper class midshipmen, the transition into a college life balancing academics and unit responsibilities was smooth. The first quarter of NROTC wasn't a complete boot camp environment, but instead a combination of discipline, training, teaching, and support that provides the perfect climate to prepare the next generation of Navy and Marine officers.

The 4/C midshipmen quickly bonded, with each midshipman providing each other with unique perspectives, experiences, and unbridled enthusiasm and support. While sometimes there were disagreements, ultimately the 4/C learned to be able to depend on each other. Whether it was ensuring everyone was awake, ready for inspections, or even getting enough sleep, the fourth class could count on each other. I was impressed by each midshipman and their successes, and I enjoyed getting food together, running and training in the afternoons, and learning everyone's motivations.

The fall quarter offered numerous opportunities to learn about each field and community. The briefs were informative and interesting, and opportunities such as luncheons and post-lab discussions allowed midshipmen to obtain even more in-depth knowledge. The Intro to Naval Science course was by far my favorite course I've taken at Northwestern so far, and the final presentations allowed each midshipman a chance to teach others about a Naval/Marine topic of interest. Interactions with officers further solidified my desire to serve and motivated me to succeed like they had.

Overall, I look back at my first quarter as a rewarding learning experience that sets the foundation for the next few years. I can confidently say that the unit, with all its midshipmen and staff, is the best place to be. I look forward to the upcoming quarter of NROTC!

SUMMER CRUISE

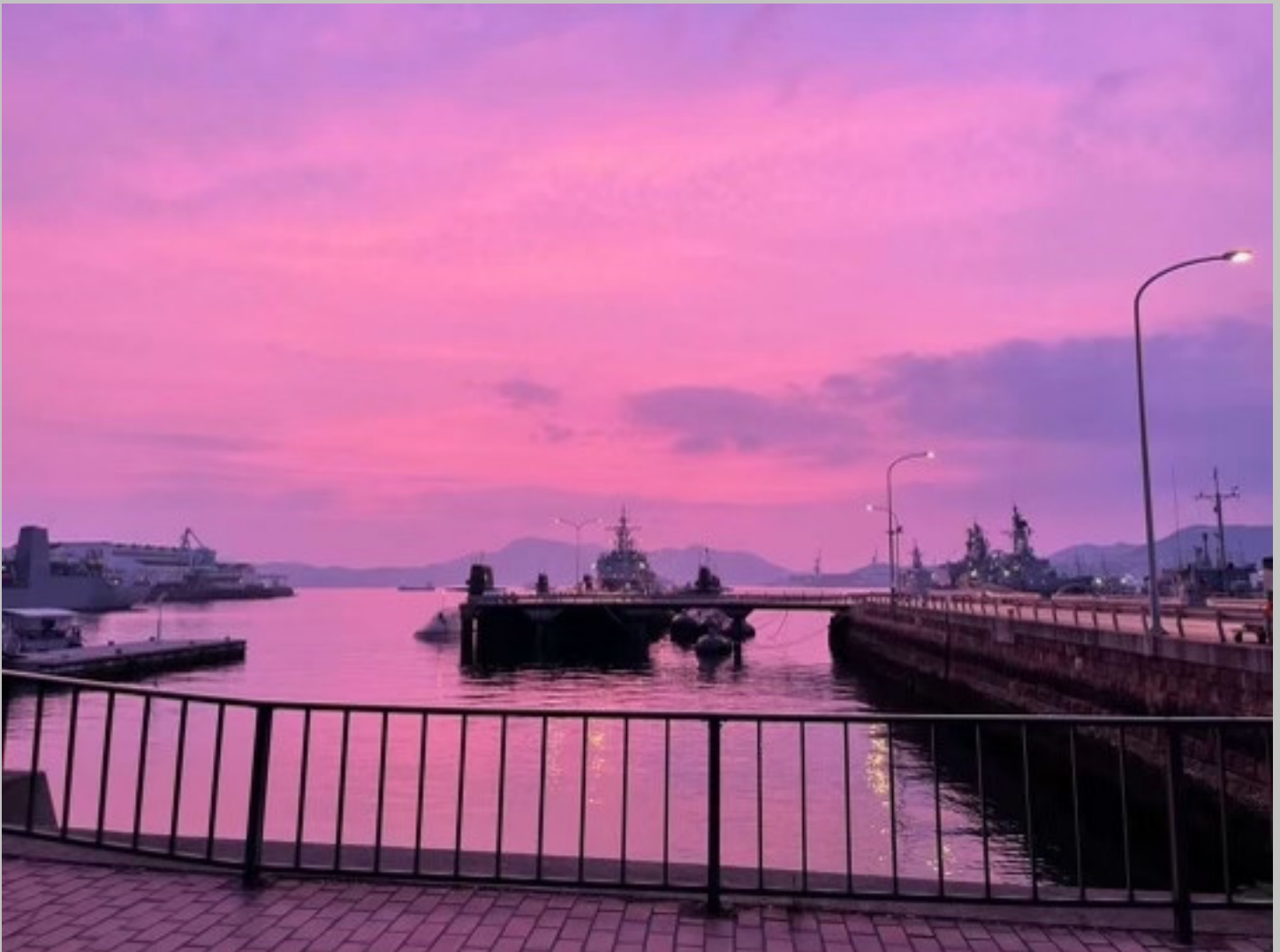
FOREX MIDN 1/C LINDSTROM

As the JS Inazuma left the dock, the other nine midshipmen and I were overcome with anxious excitement. We were now underway with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force - a remarkable feat considering that just eighty years prior, our nations waged the greatest naval war ever fought. Now, the midshipmen on board for the 1/C FOREX summer cruise was a physical representation of our growing alliance.

The Inazuma was a sudden shift in scenery from the comfort of American bases in the region. The week prior, we stayed in Yokosuka, learning extensively about 7th Fleet and INDOPACOM operations. Moreover, trips to Tokyo, Kamakura, and Hiroshima immersed us in Japanese culture, and provided an alternative and valuable outlook on World War II history. Americans could learn much from the harmony and selflessness of the Japanese people.



But as we watched mainland Japan disappear in the distance, I knew Phase II would bring unique challenges. We had to overcome a difficult language barrier to learn the customs and operations of another Navy. However, those nine difficult days underway gave me a great appreciation for the JMSDF. My Japanese counterparts at Maritime Officer Candidate School are disciplined and capable. Impressively, they demonstrated proficiency in English, superb fitness, and high-level knowledge on surface warfare operations. I'd be honored to work alongside them in the Fleet, and the Americans should rest a little easier knowing that our powerful foe from the 1940s is now a great ally.



SUMMER CRUISE

CORTRAMID

MIDN 3/C SHAMAI

Ask any NROTC alum what the highlight of their midshipman experience was, and a vast majority will say CORTRAMID. As a 4/C, CORTRAMID gets portrayed as the summer vacation of a lifetime, all on the Navy's dime. Unfortunately, because of Northwestern's quarter system, MIDN Morrow and I did not have the option of going to San Diego. We were instead assigned to CORTRAMID East out of Norfolk. Jokes aside, CORTRAMID did offer exciting moments. I saw a CIWS fire into the Atlantic, sat in the backseat for a T-34 joyride, and leaned 30 degrees on a passageway as a boomer dove into the ocean. Yet, as I reflect, I realized that the real purpose of CORTRAMID was not found in these highlights. You see, CORTRAMID is Career Orientation for Midshipmen. It's designed to help you understand what it means to be a Naval Officer, or, at least some part of it.



Each week I was there, I learned more and more about what it meant to be one, and I did it through listening to others. SWO Ensigns recounted their struggles to become an OOD and showed me that the challenge for midshipmen is after commissioning. Petty officers in the control room taught me that real officers are not the ones who think they are hot stuff, but the ones who are willing to do the hard stuff with them. Not only did I learn through the sailors, but I also learned through my peers. Our company, Foxtrot, had kids who grew up Navy brats and barely knew civilian life, and we had kids in the Ivy League from prestigious prep schools. I got to understand everyone's background and why they were in NROTC, leaving me inspired and motivated by their stories. CORTRAMID was a truly exciting summer experience, but through meeting the sailors and my fellow midshipmen, I got something better: the best career orientation I could ask for.



SUMMER CRUISE

NEW STUDENT INDOCTRINATION

MIDN 4/C DAVIS

New Student Indoctrination (NSI) is designed to introduce incoming Fourth Class Midshipmen (Candidates) to NROTC life, along with providing standardized basic military instruction. Located at Naval Station Great Lakes, the 18-day program is an abbreviated version of Navy Boot Camp, led by Navy Recruit Trainers, Marine Corps Drill Instructors, and Midshipmen Instructors. The program challenges candidates mentally, morally, and physically, while also instilling the values of honor, courage, and commitment.

Upon arrival, and after a colorful introduction and welcome from the Chief Petty Officers, we (candidates) were loaded up with gear. We immediately tried everything on and changed into our new uniforms: a brown shirt, eight inch shorts with NAVY stamped on them, and long white socks paired with black running shoes. Males also received a complimentary head shave.



After a routine was established, we began “evolutions.” We learned the basics of seamanship, such as firefighting, watch standing, drill, and marksmanship. We spent a day in the combat pool. Candidates went through various activities such as a five minute dead man's float, jumping from a ten-meter high deck, creating a flotation device from a jumpsuit while treading water, and running through an abort ship simulation. All candidates were given the opportunity to receive their 3rd class swim qualification. We also had a fun experience in the confidence chamber. While learning to trust our equipment, we were lined up in a gas chamber with gas masks on and one at a time took them off, spoke to the Petty Officer in charge and rushed out of the room coughing, dripping snot and tears.

It would not have been a real boot camp experience without physical training! Every other day, in a formation, candidates were quickly herded over to the training field to await further instruction. A Drill Sergeant or Midshipmen Instructor would bark orders and we would begin. We also completed two physical fitness tests, one at the beginning and one at the end of the program, to graduate. In addition to physical training, we sat through a series of classes for Warrior Toughness (ethics), taught by an on-base Chaplain. We also learned basic knowledge of the Navy and Marine Corps, including rank structure, chain of command, the mission of the Navy, the eleven general orders of the sentry, and much more.

NSI is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that afforded us midshipmen an introduction like no other to the various challenges and responsibilities that will be demanded of us in Naval ROTC. While the experience was mentally and physically draining, I feel proud for successfully completing this portion of the program! We were broken down and then built back up. In the process, we came to appreciate military culture and discipline, built tremendous camaraderie with peers, and gained invaluable perspective in dealing with stressful situations! I have now completed my first quarter of NROTC at Northwestern University and continued my development as an aspiring Naval Officer while building my academic resume. I am so excited for what comes next!



MIDN AROUND CAMPUS



Sailing Team MIDN 4/C VIRSIK



Growing up in California and spending breaks in Florida, I have always loved being in and around the water, but I never knew how to sail. When I learned of Northwestern's convenient location on the edge of Lake Michigan and the sailing team, I knew that I had to try out. About half of Northwestern's sailing team is made up of students with sailing experience prior to college, while the other half, like me, are beginners. The team practices and competes during the fall and spring quarters due to weather. Under the guidance of our coach, the experienced and older sailors patiently and eagerly share their sailing knowledge with the novices in order to give everyone on the team the opportunity to grow in their sailing ability.

Like other sports teams, Northwestern's sailing team attends races - known as regattas - hosted by various universities throughout the country. This past fall I had the opportunity to attend my first regatta in Wayzata, Minnesota. Although it is difficult to balance ROTC and academics with a new sport, sailing's welcoming community and the opportunity to be on Lake Michigan form the perfect outlet from the stress of school.

My sailing knowledge and seamanship skills have increased exponentially this fall quarter, and I look forward to getting back on the water in the spring!

MIDN AROUND CAMPUS

Loyola Mens Rugby MIDN 2/C NKADI

The Chicago Navy ROTC Consortium has a long history and reputation of providing top athletes to different programs in the region. This year, Midshipman 2/C Williams and I had the privilege of playing on the Loyola Chicago men's Division II rugby team. This was Midshipman William's first full year playing rugby and we both earned starting spots, becoming key players on this year's national-bound team. Our season began in the beginning of September. Through the semester, we clocked a total of 15 games, averaging 1 game per week. These games had us traveling all throughout the Midwest region and playing in weather from 80 degrees to 20. Through our journey, we earned the title of second place in the great Midwest region, allowing us to move forward in the season. This was only the second time in our 30-year history that our team had placed or made it to the national final tournaments.



This tournament began in Knoxville, Tennessee, where we beat teams such as Auburn University and Marquette University. It finally ended in Houston, Texas, where we had a hard-fought two matches and finished our season by placing fourth in the country. The leadership qualities and physical aspects that MIDN Williams and I bring from Navy ROTC have helped influence the way we structure our practices and team meetings. We are proud of the way we have helped grow our program, and we look forward to next year, where we aim to claim first place in Division II Men's Rugby.



BATTALION EVENTS

ALUMNI TAILGATE

MIDN 4/C COLLINS

On October 8, 2022, Northwestern NROTC hosted its annual alumni tailgate ahead of a Northwestern football game. The tailgate is a tradition that bolsters relationships between alumni and current midshipmen, while building camaraderie over coffee, lunch, music, and football. Graduates from Northwestern's long history of commissioning officers in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps attended, and held conversations with midshipmen to share their experience in college, the Fleet, and beyond. Midshipmen had the opportunity to speak with these esteemed alumni and listen to wisdom gained from their time in the Navy and Marine Corps. This tradition of previous and future generations of officers coming together to build connections and morale is one of the most valuable customs within the Northwestern NROTC battalion.



BATTALION EVENTS

WISCONSIN DRILL MEET

MIDN 4/C BRAHAN

Despite the 0230 departure time and three hour car ride, Northwestern and Loyola midshipmen were excited for the highly anticipated drill meet hosted by the University of Wisconsin. Highlighted by events such as squad drill, knowledge competition, pull-up contest, UAR, and flag football, the drill meet served as an opportunity for our midshipmen to interact with other midshipmen in the Chicago Consortium, as well as other units from the area.



Led by Midn 2/C White, our drill team showed tremendous improvement from last year, placing third out of all the units. With more morning practices, our drill team is set up for a first place finish at Tulane in the spring! Our knowledge team also put forth a great effort, earning second place.



The most anticipated event, flag football, was a blast for all involved. As the defending champions, our unit had a target on our back, seemingly by the referees as much as the other units. Though we were unable to defend our title this year, we competed until the very end and displayed great teamwork and camaraderie. We are very proud of the effort put forth by all of our midshipmen and are hopeful for the Tulane drill meet in Spring!



BATTALION EVENTS

Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball MIDN 4/C Branch

The Military Ball was hosted at the Warwick Allerton Hotel in downtown Chicago. Every year, towards the end of October, it brings together the midshipmen and staff from all of the schools in the Chicago NROTC consortium. This event is to celebrate the birthdays and traditions of both the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. The midshipmen and Color Guard get to wear Service Dress Blues and participate in the ceremony alongside the staff. One highlight of the event is the tradition where the oldest member and youngest member of the battalion cut the cake together.



Another memorable, if not surprising, moment from the evening was the midshipmen conga line to the tune of “Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! (A Man After Midnight)” by ABBA. It was a fun opportunity for the Midshipmen to interact more informally on the dance floor. By the end of the night, I understood why the upperclassmen looked forward to it every year. I am already excited to tailor my SDBs next semester for another memorable evening!



BATTALION EVENTS

VETERANS DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY MIDN 3/C MORROW



On Veteran's Day, the Chicago Area NROTC Consortium held its traditional wreath laying ceremony. The ceremony honors and commemorates the graduates of the Battalion who have given their lives in service to our nation, as well as all who have served in our nation's Armed Forces. Both the North and South Sides of the Consortium attended the ceremony, which was held at the Memorial Rock on Northwestern University's lakefill. Memorial Rock bears a plaque inscribed with the names of all Northwestern NROTC alumni who have passed while serving.



The ceremony began with the playing of the national anthem and presentation of the colors by Northwestern NROTC's color guard team. The names written on the Memorial Rock were read aloud, and MIDN Nkadi, the Battalion Executive Officer, laid a ceremonial wreath at its base. The ceremony was a special moment for the entire consortium to come together and reflect on the significance and meaning of serving in the US military and honor those who have gone before us. It is important, especially for us midshipmen as future officers, to remember and learn from the experiences and sacrifices of veterans. This ceremony was a beautiful opportunity to do so.



BATTALION EVENTS

786 CLUB: LUNCHEON

MIDN 2/C KNIPPEL



On November 3, 2022, three other midshipmen and I had the opportunity to attend a 786 Club Luncheon at the Union League Club of Chicago. The keynote speaker for the event was Commodore Aaron Peterson, Commander of Submarine Squadron One. It was an elegant event, complete with one of the best lunches I have had in some time. The Commodore spoke extensively on the advancements of our naval technologies, future of submarines, and the strategies which ensure our place as the world's greatest Navy. We were very grateful to have been invited to such a spectacular event and to be imparted with the wisdom of an experienced leader. I feel we all benefited greatly as midshipmen from hearing Commodore Peterson speak, and hope to have another opportunity to attend a 786 Club Luncheon in the future.

BATTALION EVENTS

HOLIDAY LAB MIDN 2/C CRASS

One of our traditions as the Northwestern NROTC Program is having a Holiday Lab to close out the fall semester and celebrate the holiday season. Usually the Holiday Lab is held at a restaurant in Evanston, but this year, the Northwestern Midshipmen ventured down to Roger's Park to go to a popular Loyola breakfast spot, Ann Sather's. An ongoing tradition of our Holiday Labs is a "White Elephant" gift exchange. Midshipmen were delighted to walk away with some lovely gifts, like a mini basketball hoop, candles, and even a large package of Pure Protein protein bars. Additionally, the billet holders for the upcoming spring semester are announced, signaling the close of the fall semester. At this year's Holiday Lab, our midshipmen were able to spend quality time together and bond as a unit while enjoying a delicious breakfast. We are all extremely thankful that this tradition has continued throughout the years, and we all hope it continues for years to come.



INTERVIEW WITH

GySgt Cardos

MIDN 4/C SHARMA

Starting with some quick background. What's your hometown, current major, and a favorite hobby?

I am from Skokie, Illinois, majoring in Business Finance at Loyola, and I enjoy working out and hiking.

Why did you join the Marine Corps?

I wanted to do something different from everyone else and the Marine Corps gave me a chance to really challenge myself.

What stands out to you about the USMC?

The main thing is professionalism. Whenever you encounter an officer, they are always well spoken and on top of their tasks. They are problem solvers. At the end of the day, it boils down to being a leader. As an enlisted you can impact so much, but as an officer you can upscale your impact on others and your service.

Why did you decide to go through the MECEP program?

My OIC for the longest time was a MECEP Marine. In fact, when I first joined his unit, he asked me if I was interested in being a MECEP. At the time, I wasn't very interested in going back to school. But a year down the line, I changed my mind and started attending online classes. At some point, I had completed enough classes that I decided I might as well go for it. From there, I had to retake the ASVAB, fill out a lot of paperwork, and remain focused throughout the application period. It was challenging, but ultimately I believed that I could contribute more to my service as an officer than if I remained as an enlisted member.

How did the Marine Corps prepare you to be a student at college?

I think the biggest thing is that you understand responsibility and know how to complete whatever task is at hand. Because of the Marine Corps, I know how to itemize and break assignments down into manageable tasks— it helps to complete it step by step.

Any thoughts on our ROTC unit?

I think Northwestern NROTC has a great culture and great leadership right now! Glad to be here.

Winter 2023

Naval R.O.T.C. Scholarship Fund, Inc.

By Tony Fessler, NU Class of '70

Warmest New Year greetings from the Naval ROTC Scholarship Fund Board. At its annual meeting December 2, 2022, our CO, Captain Robert Klaszky, USN, provided a thorough update on the state of the unit in which he shared a positive outlook for increased class growth from its student bases at both Northwestern and Loyola. The Captain was pleased to report a renewed University support for recruitment and enrollment of qualified midshipmen - particularly in the context of Northwestern's stringent admission standards. Follow-on board discussion highlighted 2022 donations from both alumni and other donors. The board signaled its intention to once again offer substantial financial assistance in its spring 2023 deliberations for deserving midshipmen with significant financial needs.

The Board continues to encourage all alumni to submit news and updates to John Ferrara at jferrara9@yahoo.com for inclusion in future editions of the Crow's Nest as well as for the Scholarship Fund website (www.nu-nrotc.org). Alumni are also asked to continue to take a close look at the "Lost Souls" list and to assist the board in contacting listed alumni.

As it embarks in what appears to be a year of exciting growth and opportunity for the NU NROTC, it is fitting to underscore the unit's historical contribution to providing our nation with many hundreds of Navy and Marine Corps officers over nearly 100 years of continuous operation. Since its appearance on the Northwestern campus in 1926, our NROTC unit has trained and commissioned young men and women of diverse backgrounds who have contributed to the U.S. sea services. Not just a few of the midshipmen commissioned out of the NU NROTC have advanced to senior leadership - even flag rank - in the Navy and Marine Corps. Many of these officers upon leaving national service have continued making notable contributions in government, business and throughout the private sector.

The impressive achievements of many hundreds of NU NROTC graduates over the past 96 years are founded in no small part upon the contributions of the officers and enlisted personnel of its teaching and support staff. Equally noteworthy, but perhaps a less recognized key to the unit's extraordinary success, are the contributions made by a number of members of the University's academic faculty and administrative leadership. No more superb example of such NU support for its NROTC unit exists than that provided by one of the most celebrated members of its prestigious faculty, Professor Richard ("Dick") W. Leopold.

A Phi Beta Kappa and 1933 undergraduate of Harvard University, Dick Leopold went on to receive his M.A and Ph.D. from Harvard in history in 1934 and 1938. Upon graduation, he launched his distinguished teaching career at Harvard. With the onset of World War II, Dick pursued national service and received a commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve. His principal posting was with the Office of Naval Records and Library in Washington, D.C., where he was made responsible for the official records associated with U.S. naval operations in the Pacific theater.

In 1945, Dick left the active-duty Naval Reserve and accepted an offer of an associate professorship in the History Department at Northwestern University where he was advanced to full professor and remained a distinguished member of the faculty achieving international recognition. His contributions to undergraduate and graduate studies programs as well as his academic leadership are legend in the annals of Northwestern. Among the most significant of his collateral responsibilities were the years of service as faculty liaison with the NU NROTC unit and advisor to many of its midshipmen throughout the 1960's and 1970's. The author of this update was privileged to be a student in perhaps the most widely acclaimed of his undergraduate offerings – Diplomatic History of the United States. When the NU NROTC, like many other ROTC programs throughout the country, was subjected to a sustained effort by the Students for Democratic Society (SDS) and other anti-war activists during the Vietnam conflict and demanded its expulsion from the campus, Dick Leopold came forward as its most influential, courageous and articulate defender. He assumed this role when it was not popular to do so. In the late 1960's, members of the SDS stormed the unit's Lund Hall offices, destroying teaching records, government property and defacing the U.S. and service flags. Dick Leopold stepped forward as the unit's most outspoken and respected faculty defender.

Apart from his steadfast support of the Northwestern NROTC unit, Professor Dick Leopold served the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps nationally in numerous special and advisory roles throughout his professional life. His academic and public contributions during his distinguished teaching career at Northwestern are numerous. Dick passed away November 23, 2006.

For all of us who had the extreme good fortune to have known this man – and his devotion to the Navy and Marine Corps, the unit's mission, and his country, his memory and the impact he made will not be forgotten. In the familiar terminology of our U.S. Marine Corps – we have had no finer friend than Professor Dick Leopold.

ALUMNI NEWS

WINTER 2023

G. Donald Marseille - 1951: "I'm still a police department volunteer removing or covering graffiti (and stickers) throughout the city. From this came the moniker "graffiti warrior" and that's OK." (06/22)

Sarkis S. Sarkisian - 1953: "In 1958 served as Commanding Officer of the Naval ROTC Battalion. Received a commission in the Civil Engineering Corps – Seabees – served 3 years active duty and 8 years reserves. Final rank LCDR." (06/22)

Ben J. Mogni, Jr. - 1957: "Physical & mental health is good. Still active, play golf, bridge. Wife is fine. Now have 2 grandsons. Still in contact with Robert Flinn ('57) who lives in Florida." (12/22)

Ronald G. Hoopes - 1958: "Enjoying an active retirement in Gainesville, Florida. Will celebrate 62 years of marriage to NU classmate Lori Telcott on 6/25/2022." (06/22)

R. Lee Griffith - 1970: "Lee will participate in the Sprint Triathlon National Championships in Milwaukee in August." (11/22)

David M. Gubanc - 1971: "Best wishes to all the NROTC alumni and their families. Had the pleasure of chairing the 1st annual veteran's dinner at the Aladdin Shrine in Columbus, Ohio. Great turnout and Honor Flight - Columbus. Was our featured speaker. Thanks to Robert Shaw (NU '70) for his continued support." (11/22)

William O. Glass, Jr. - 1976: "Enjoying retirement on Cape Cod! Active in the Cape Cod Chapter of M.O.A.A. and the Yarmouth Rotary Club." (08/22)

Bradley J. Peterson - 1983: "8 years active + 22 years reserve = 30 years' service: just started receiving retired pay." (07/22)

John A. Jaeger - 1984: "Jay and Margaret celebrated 38 years of marriage and returned from a three-week Panama Canal and South America cruise where King Neptune found them seaworthy and initiated them into the ancient Order of Shellbacks!" (12/22)

Stuart M. Abrahamson - 1987: "My wife and I are pleased to donate in this 35th year of the fund! Happy New Year!" (01/23)

David J. Dietz - 1989: "I took a new leadership position as Supply Chain Director at the Savannah River site in Aiken, SC. Happy to see any alumni coming into the Augusta, GA/Aiken, SC area" (07/22)

David J. Dietz - 1989: "Enjoying life in Aiken, Georgia. Well wishes to all classmates and friends." (12/22)

Jack D. Davis - 1991: "Greetings! I'm excited to share that my daughter, Julia, will be attending Northwestern starting this fall, as a Midshipman and member of the Class of 2026! In fact, she is almost finished with NSI/Great Lakes (graduating in June). We are so thankful that she is able to pursue this opportunity and excited to see where her Navy path leads!" (07/22)

Robert C. Nowakowski - 1992: "So honored to be Vice Commander, Naval Forces Central Command/Fifth Fleet as of 1 October 2022. Crystal, Parker, and Pence doing well and we are looking forward to our next visit to Northwestern University to meet/greet friends and family." (06/22)

Brian S. Drummond - 1997: "Currently teaching emergency medicine residents at the University of Arizona and have mentored Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) medical students. Current fields of interest include Climate Health with educating people on the effects of climate change on patient's health. Side interests outside of family include teaching physicians about impact investing and environmental, social, governance stocks and mutual funds to help with financial planning. Go Cats!" (06/22)

Abigail A. Hutchins - 1998: "Congratulations to the Class of 2022. Hang in there, Class of 2023." (10/22)

David J. Locker - 2014: "Completing aviation disassociated tour as Maritime ISA-Afloat for Commander, Carrier Strike Group Eleven in Everett, WA." (12/22)

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 Member(s) of the Class of 1930-45: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1946: Louis X Baeriswyl

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1947: Mr. John T Snyder

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1948: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1949: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1950: Mr. Paul Colen, Mr. William S Conover

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1951: Mr William R Cress, Mr. Richard C Underwood

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1952: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1953: Mr. Edward B Brandon, John W Dresely USMC (ret), Mr. John R Williams

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1954: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1955: Mr. Donald P Brown, Mr. Frederick C Ewald, Mr. Peter E Gilles, Mr. Robert C Haavind, Mr. Earl J Johnson, Mr. David M Paynter, Mr. Paul J Sengstok Jr

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1956: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1957: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1958: Mr. Robert A Browning, Mr. David W Nemir, Mr. John E McCandless, Mr. Gerald D Reed

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1959: Mr. Donald E Elson, Mr. Lawrence H Melin Jr, Mr. Mark W Smith

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1960: Mr. Robert S Mathews, Mr. Richard M Stacy

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1961: Mr. Richard F Ingram, Mr. David L Marks, Mr. William J Ball Jr

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1962: Mr. William L Barnes

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1963: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1964: Mr. Thomas R Miller, Mr. James R O Reilly, Mr. Ronald C Wilkinson

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1965: Mr. John A Schlanger

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1966: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1967: Mr. Joseph C Davis, Mr. Robert A Shearer

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1968: Mr. Richard J Both, Mr. Robert G Hempel, Mr. James D Montgomery Jr

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1969: Mr. Gerald B Arnold, Mr. Robert W Thompson

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1970: Mr. Tom E Mitchell, Mr. Gary L Zambito

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1971: Mr. Richard F Armstrong

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1972: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1973: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1974: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1975: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1976: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1977: Mr. Mark W Miller

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1978: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1979: Mr. Ronald R Cox

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1980: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1981: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1982: Mr. Todd L Nelson

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1983: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1984: Mr. Christopher Hagen

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1985: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1986: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1987: Mr. Jeffery A Kilbride

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1988: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1989: None

Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1990: Mr. Sean P Kelly, Mr. William R Sorensen
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1991: Mr. David L Gard
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1992: CDR Thomas J J Chamberlain, Dr. Samuel E Featherstone
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1993: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1994: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1995: CDR Jon Cunzeman, LCDR Derek T Fagen
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1996: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1997: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1998: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 1999: Mr. Lake M Johnson, Mr. Justin M Bachman
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2000: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2001: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2002: Mr. Erik D Barton
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2003: Arielle J Miller
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2004: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2005: LCDR Susan J Park, Ms. Kimberly Vesey
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2006: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2007: LCDR Mary E King
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2008: Mr. William J Wheatley
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2009: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2010: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2011: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2012: CDR Elisha D Gowen, LT Jordan C Klein
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2013: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2014: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2015: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2016: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2017: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2018: LTJG Christopher M Dungey, 1st LT Thomas M George
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2019: LTJG Ellen E Peters
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2020: None
Lost Member(s) of the Class of 2021: None

