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Commanding Officer’s Letter

What a great semester and what an honor to be part of the University of Oklahoma NROTC Battalion. This was the first semester for both myself and the Executive Officer and I can honestly say I am extremely impressed with the high caliber young adults that are continuing the tradition of this Battalion. The dedication of the students who make up this battalion and their desire to serve our great nation motivates me on a daily basis.

This was a very productive semester with every student meeting the Navy and Marine Corps Physical Fitness standards and quite honestly much of the battalion excelling. While meeting this requirement, the battalion also excelled at academics, posting an overall Grade Point Average of 3.11 for the Fall, which is the highest in the last three Fall Semesters. The leadership of the Battalion also mentored and guided the Freshman class to an overall Grade Point Average of 3.21, the highest semester average for a Freshman class in the Naval Battalion for at least the last eight years or sixteen semesters. Additionally, the battalion had 5 students who achieved 4.0 Grade Point Averages, with three of them in the Freshman class. This academic performance and the leadership within the battalion is a testament to the strength and future of the Battalion.

It has also been a very busy semester as can be seen by the pictures that are included. Our students are recognized around the campus for their professionalism and dependability. In addition to the many events included, we continue to receive requests and support color guard requirements at sporting events as well as supporting staff for many university events. You can always see our students at Football games where they assisted with security, goal post nets and provided crowd control and were also recognized for their appearance and professionalism.

It has been a great semester and the unit remains strong. I look forward to the future with the young men and women in the Naval Battalion and I know they will excel here and in the fleet.

BOOMER SOONER!!!
Naval Science Staff

CO - Captain Lyle Hall is a native of Cement, Oklahoma. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree and received his commission through the NROTC program. CAPT Hall assumed command of the NROTC Unit at the University of Oklahoma in July 2016.

XO - Commander Maureen "Moe" Studniarz is a native of Middletown, Ohio and graduated from Oldenburg Academy in 1993. She attended Long Island University, Southampton, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Biology in 1997. After working as crew on various sailboats for a year, CDR Studniarz was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in 1999 through Officer Candidate School as a Meteorology and Oceanography Officer (METOC). In 2003, she laterally transferred to the unrestricted line community as a student Naval Aviator. In June 2016, CDR Studniarz transferred to the NROTC Unit at the University of Oklahoma to be the Executive Officer.

MOI - Captain Ryan Kinder was born in Dundee, Scotland. He graduated from Florida State University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in April 2008. After completing The Basic School in December 2008, he attended Assault Amphibious Officer Course in Camp Pendleton, California. Captain Kinder assumed his current duties as Marine Officer Instructor at the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Oklahoma in March 2015.

Advisor 1 - Lieutenant Tony Dunlay enlisted in the Navy in November of 1998. Following completion of boot camp, LT Dunlay reported to Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, located in Goose Creek, SC, to begin the nuclear power training pipeline. Upon completion of Electrician Mate “A” School, Nuclear Power School, and Nuclear Power Training Unit he reported to the USS Portsmouth (SSN 707) as a nuclear electrician from 2000-2005. While on Portsmouth he completed one and a third deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism. In May of 2015 LT Dunlay reported to the University of Oklahoma NROTC unit as an Assistant Professor in Naval Science. Here he teaches Naval Operations and Seamanship as well as Chart Navigation, and he acts as the Freshman and Sophomore advisor to the Midshipman Battalion.

Advisor 2 - Lieutenant Ryan McNichols is a 2010 graduate of Marquette University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and was commissioned as an Ensign through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Program. In June 2014, LT McNichols departed PASADENA to execute orders to the University of Oklahoma NROTC unit as an Assistant Professor in Naval Science. Here he teaches Naval Weapons Systems and Naval Engineering and acts as the Junior, Senior, and Officer Candidate advisor to the Midshipman Battalion. He is also pursuing his Master’s in Engineering Management.

AMOI - Gunnery Sergeant Sandoval enlisted in January 2002 and attended recruit training at 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Fox Company, Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego, CA. After graduating from Recruit Training as a squad leader he was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class. Upon completion of recruit training, Gunnery Sergeant Sandoval attended and completed Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry West, Camp Pendleton, CA. Gunnery Sergeant Sandoval currently serves as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Oklahoma.

Ms. Gonzales - In 1981 upon graduating from Monterey High School in Lubbock, Texas SKCS Ana Gonzales joined the Army. After serving 7 years, SKCS was honorably discharged from the US Army in 1988. In 1989 she decided to go back active duty and enlisted in the US Navy where she served numerous tours up until her retirement in 2007. Ms. Gonzales currently holds the title of Supply Technician for the NROTC unit.

Julie - Julie was born in British Columbia and later lived in Saskatchewan and Alberta (Canada). She moved to Thomas, Oklahoma when she was thirteen and graduated from Thomas High School. Later Julie attended College of the Ozarks in Missouri where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics. When she’s not working as a Staff Assistant II in the Naval ROTC Unit, Julie spends her time writing, painting, rescuing animals and celebrating Christmas year-round.

Not pictured: Aaron Sinkler, Bradley Rose, and Mason Arnold
From Left to Right: Matthew Farrar, Austen Catlin, Sterling Orren, Dakota Boxwell, Emilee Delozier, Jerrod Watson, Justin Keohacksa, Mitchell Moore, and Colton Johnson.

Not pictured: Micah Burge and Jacob Maloley
Class Photos

SOPHOMORES


Not pictured: Savanah Pipkin
From Left to Right: Alexander Dines, Nicholas Pate, Zane Fortunato, Coral Rios, Alexander Lee, Alexis Franco, Dylan Singleton, Annalee Blake, Cameron Berry, Megan McAlester, Anthony Reimer, and Isac Perez.

Not pictured: Jamie Warren
Summer Cruise
MIDN Delozier & MIDN Simpson

MIDN 2/C Delozier: Aboard USS Gridley (DDG-101)

Over the summer I had the privilege of spending 4 weeks in San Diego, CA aboard the USS Gridley DDG 101. The mission of our underway was to escort a decommissioned submarine to Washington. While onboard I was paired with an enlisted running mate to get a feel for the enlisted side of a ship. Each midshipman was required to sleep and eat on the ship, while not underway. It was a great experience to see how the sailors I will soon lead live. The ship’s crew was very friendly and dedicated to making sure all the midshipmen there had a good experience.

MIDN 1/C Simpson: VFA-122

While on cruise, I was attached to VFA-122 where I learned the duties and responsibilities of a young pilot. I had the experience of flying in an F/A-18 Superhornet and practicing in simulators. I learned about the culture within the Naval Aviation community, it re-inspired me to pursue a career in Naval Aviation.
Student Orientation Week

MIDN Bailey and MIDN Franco

MIDN 1/C Bailey:

This past August I had the opportunity to be a part of New Student Orientation and help indoctrinate the freshmen into the culture of the NROTC here at OU. It was a great opportunity to help train the freshmen, as well as develop my leadership abilities. It was fast-paced and definitely caused a lot of stress for the 4/C, but the end result was a sense of comradery and unity among the new class.

MIDN 4/C Franco

New Student Orientation was very stressful and chaotic. From the moment we stepped into the armory bay, we were met with a fast-paced environment and confusion. I felt that the orientation week really helped develop me as a person, and more importantly, develop my class as friends. It certainly was a week I won’t soon forget!
Fall Awards

MIDN 1/C Newman and MIDN 1/C Bailey received the Leadership Award and the All Around Performance Award, respectively.
MIDN 3/C Carris, MIDN 2/C Johnson, and MIDN 2/C Watson received the Academic Achievement Award.

MIDN 3/C Wenger, MIDN 2/C Johnson, and MIDN 2/C Watson received the Trident Honor Society Award. MIDN 3/C Wenger also received the Physical Fitness Award.
POW/MIA
MIDN 3/C Authelet

It was enjoyable to see all the different branches come together to honor those that have given so much in the service of the United States. It was an experience that I won’t soon forget.
Alumni Reunion
MIDN 2/C Maloley

The alumni reunion was a great opportunity to meet the men and women who have gone through our program and listen to the stories they had to share. It was inspiring to hear the places they have been and the experiences that they have lived, and how it is in our near future. This event is wonderful for building comradery and motivation within the unit.
Alumni Reunion
OU/ TX
MIDN 1/C Bailey

OU/Texas is an awesome event for our battalion, and a great way to build comradery within the unit. Running the game ball to Texas and then playing them in a game of flag football builds lasting memories and brings MIDN closer together.

MIDN 3/C Mathis

The Run to Dallas was my favorite event this semester. I ran 10 miles and was able to run the football over the Red River. Even though we did not win, I was able to see my friends from the University of Texas unit. This opened my eyes to the reality of the quote, “one team, one fight.” Although I just transferred to OU, the unit has welcomed me with open arms. The Run to Dallas showed me just how great the unit here at Oklahoma is.
Battalion Halloween Party
Navy/Marine Corps Ball

MIDN 4/C Lee

The 2016 OU NROTC birthday ball was my first time going to a USN/USMC birthday ball. I really enjoyed watching my fellow MIDN march out and carry out the official ball procession. It was a very formal, but relaxed environment that let the Midshipmen have fun while still retaining the formalities of the event. As a spectator, I can definitely say everyone enjoyed the funny and motivating stories our guest speaker told us before the dancing started. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the event and cannot wait to go to the ball again next year!
Navy/Marine Corps Ball
Change of Command
Alumni Corner

Let us know what you are doing. You can contact our office at (405) 325-2021 or email at navalrotc@ou.edu.

Our Alumni organization is the University of Oklahoma Naval Alumni League Inc. (incorporated in 1990). The League is dedicated to supporting the Naval ROTC Unit at the University of Oklahoma. We do this through financial support of the Unit’s activities, scholarships, and using our collective resources to further the Unit’s goals.

This Unit is our collective heritage and we intend for it to be the best in the nation. Furthermore we are committed to all OU Naval ROTC Alumni, Staff, and friends of the unit through networking and mutual support.

You can engage with the Alumni effort by contacting the Armory at 405 325-2021.

Also connect on:
Facebook: OU Naval ROTC Alumni
Alumni website: www.ourotcalumni.org
OU NROTC website: We have a page for Alumni and links to the FB page & Alumni web page.

Executive Board Members

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LCDR Keith Campbell, USN Class of ‘99
CAPT Lyle Hall, USN Professor of Naval Science

(Looking for new members from the 80s and 2001-2010. If you are interested, send an email to Dan Churchman (dchurchman@pobox.com).)

Annual Reunion BBQ September 22, 2017
The Annual Reunion is normally planned for the second Friday in September. This year we had a different format due to the change in Unit leadership. The turnout was still good and our past AMOI Sgt Maj Chuck Woodruff was the speaker who was also recognized during the football game as the Patriot of the Game. Congratulations Chuck!

More info will be shared once plans have been finalized. There will be a page on the alumni website (www.ourotcalumni.org).

Fund Raising Support Needed
The OU NROTC Naval Alumni League (NAL) has an Alumni Fund established with the University Alumni Association and an Endowment Fund established with the OKC Foundation. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation Endowment Fund directly supports midshipmen scholarships as highlighted previously in the Flag Hoist as well as critical long term program support such as the battalion wardroom and computer room improvements.

We invite all NROTC alumni and friends of the Unit to participate in raising funds to reach our goal. Look for more information on the alumni website.
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