UW-Madison Naval ROTC

Fall Semester 2016

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"Integrity, Discipline, Legacy"

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Captain’s Corner
Captain Christopher Murdoch

THANK YOU to the midshipmen who continue to make the Naval ROTC program great through their efforts both in the Naval Armory and in the community. And THANK YOU to the family, friends, and alumni who continue to support them. We could not do what we do without a cohort of support both within and outside the University. I have been very pleased to watch the increasing level of participation and support from the Alumni Association through the several events we share each year.

I am very proud to have had the opportunity to watch our future Navy and Marine Corps leaders excel. Bringing home the Fall Invitational Drill Meet overall trophy again this year, for the second time in three years, was certainly an achievement that took a lot of hard work from the battalion.

We again hosted the Joint Military Ball for nearly 500 ROTC members from all three units here at UW-Madison, which was very successful thanks to the hard work of Midshipman Kennedy Vander Waal.

And the midshipmen decorated the 5” gun for the holiday, which gave our classic building a warm glow inside.

We look forward to a major volunteer opportunity with the VA Hospital this semester, and plan to travel to leadership conference, OCS prep, and the Villanova Drill Meet. And I am very much looking forward to spending some time in the classroom with the seniors talking about right and wrong.

Perhaps our most noteworthy event of the semester was the visit of Captain (retired) James Lovell, of Apollo 13 fame, to the Naval Armory. Our first distinguished alum of the program, he spent almost an hour interacting with the midshipmen, and was presented with a memorable gift from the Alumni Association. He was also happy to autograph a photo of himself as an astronaut, which is now framed and displayed in the wardroom. When asked by a midshipman about the most important factor to overcome adversity, Captain Lovell replied “maintaining a good attitude.” Important for us all to remember.

From the BNCO
MIDN 1/C Christopher Poellinger

The past semester as battalion commander has been an extraordinary privilege. It has allowed me the opportunity to play a part in the development of 61 midshipmen and an OC which is an honor. Seeing freshman integrate themselves into the battalion and take their first steps in becoming Naval officers with the guidance and leadership of returning midshipmen is truly exciting. The midshipmen continued their pursuit of excellence in academics, physical fitness, and serving the community. It is what sets these midshipmen apart from their peers on this campus.

The battalion took part in several events this past semester; all of which further developed the midshipmen both militarily and professionally. One of the first events of the semester was our annual drill meet. With participation and hard work from the entire battalion, the UW NROTC Battalion was able to walk away with the first-place trophy. For the second year in a row, the battalion hosted the Joint ROTC Ball at Monona Terrace. To give back to the university, the midshipman cleared brush and picked up trash in the Lakeshore Preserve. To close out our semester, Captain James Lovell (Ret.) came into the unit to speak with the midshipmen about his experiences in the Navy and as an astronaut. These events would not have been possible if it were not for the hard work of the midshipmen.

None of the progress the battalion made this semester would have been possible without the excellent leadership from both the officer staff and upperclassmen in the battalion. I would especially like to thank MIDN 1/C Silvis who acted as my BNXO this semester and will succeed me as BNCO. I have great confidence that he will continue to improve the battalion and further develop the midshipmen of the battalion into the Naval officers they will become.
New Wisconsin Midshipmen Get First Look at Navy/Marine Corps

LT Kaitlin Dryden

Midshipmen from the University of Wisconsin Naval Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (NROTC) program participated in Student Orientation Week at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, from August 28th to September 2nd.

The 68 midshipmen spent the week learning the basic military skills and discipline necessary to succeed as commissioned officers of the Navy and Marine Corps. 22 new students participated in New Student Orientation, which comprised an introduction to military life, while the rest of the Badger battalion focused on leadership training and building esprit de corps. The command’s active duty staff of Navy and Marine Corps officers and NCOs led the week’s events.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” said Midshipman 4/C Katie Katula, from Stillwater, MN, an incoming freshman. “I ended up learning so much about myself, and we became very close as a class. I am excited for my first semester in the battalion.”

The curriculum for orientation week included physical training, uniform inspections, close order drill, and classroom academics including Navy and Marine Corps history. The midshipmen also utilized training facilities throughout Fort McCoy and nearby Volk Field, including the obstacle course, leadership reaction course, and land navigation course.

“My favorite part of the week was definitely the leadership reaction course,” stated Midshipman 4/C Samual Fetherston, from Osseea, WI, an incoming freshman. “I really enjoyed getting to know my classmates and working together to complete the puzzle.”

New Student Orientation week concluded with a ceremony in which the new scholarship midshipmen were sworn into service. After briefing parents on what the NROTC program will require of their students, Capt. Christopher Murdoch, Commanding Officer of the University of Wisconsin Naval ROTC, read the oath to the scholarship students. He congratulated the new midshipmen for their commitment and dedication in joining the NROTC program. Following the ceremony, the unit hosted a social for family and friends of the new midshipmen.

“I was very surprised that my daughter chose this path,” said Mr. Nicholson, father of MIDN 4/C Abigale Nicholson from Plymouth, WI. “I’m very proud.”

In the coming years, the midshipmen will participate in multiple military activities and complete a rigorous course of study at the University of Wisconsin. Upcoming events include Naval Science classes, drill meets, formal military balls, and annual summer training opportunities on ships, submarines, and squadrons across the globe.

Top Left: The University of Wisconsin NROTC Class of 2020 stands in formation. Bottom Left: The new midshipmen pose for a group photo with SOW staff. Bottom Right: Commanding Officer CAPT Murdoch swears in the new scholarship midshipmen.
Navy and Marine Corps midshipmen from the University of Wisconsin Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program participated in summer training assignments across the globe during their summer break. 35 midshipmen experienced life in the various communities of the Navy and Marine Corps, ranging from submarines to aviation squadrons to participation in Marine Corps Officer Candidates School.

The unit’s rising sophomores participated in Career Orientation and Training of Midshipmen (CORTRAMID) in San Diego, CA. The four-week long program exposes midshipmen to week-long sessions focused on various career options, such as surface ships, submarines, aviation, and the Marine Corps. The training is designed to help the midshipmen shape their career goals and determine their service assignment preferences.

“CORTRAMID was very fun and rewarding,” stated MIDN 3/C Gretchen Quade, from Eau Claire, WI. “Not only did I get to see many different parts of the Navy and Marine Corps, but I also was able to make connections with Midshipmen from all around the nation. One of the best parts of CORTRAMID was talking to the enlisted Sailors. It was very motivating to hear about their experiences and love for their job.”

Rising juniors participated in multi-week cruises onboard U.S. Navy ships throughout the Fleet. The intent of this cruise is to expose the midshipmen to the daily life of an enlisted Sailor. Each midshipman shadowed an enlisted “running mate,” who showed her how to carry out daily duties, stand watch, and perform maintenance.

“My summer cruise gave me a glimpse into the duties, struggles, and triumphs of both those we’ll be leading and those we’ll be led by,” said MIDN 2/C Brenna Johnson, from Baldwin City, KS, who embarked onboard the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser USS PRINCETON (CG-59). “Over the eight days of underway time, I experienced the fast pace and self-reliance that the crew displayed at all times. Our point of contact was the Navigator, LTJG Dishman, who took time out of his day to ensure we got as much as possible out of the 12 days we were attached to the ship. I observed multiple weapons shots, a Replenishment at Sea with multiple ships, diversion tactics, and torpedo evasion drills. I got the chance to speak with the Chief's Mess, the CO and XO one on one, and Rear Admiral Richard Brown, who was visiting as a part of his duties as Commander, Carrier Strike Group 11.”

Rising juniors who are pursuing Marine Corps commissions participated in Mountain Warfare Training in California. The ten-day course provides hands-on training in mountain and cold weather warfare. “Overall, Mountain Warfare was definitely the most physically challenging thing I have ever done,” said MIDN 2/C Kennedy Vander Waal, from Mosinee, WI. “The first day we got there, the instructors told us not to underestimate the mountains. They were 100% right- it was a very humbling experience.”

Rising seniors participated in summer training tailored to their intended service assignment. Prospective surface and submarine officers embarked on cruises similar to the Second Class Cruise, this time shadowing an officer. Students pursuing assignments in Naval Aviation were sent to aviation squadrons throughout the nation and flew aboard several Naval aircraft.

“Some of my favorite experiences on cruise were witnessing a crucible where a Petty Officer got his dolphins, driving the submarine, and standing out on the flying bridge during midwatch under the stars with dolphins swimming in the wake and the national ensign flying above us,” stated MIDN 1/C Dominique Bowers, from Sturgeon Bay, WI, who embarked onboard a fast attack submarine for her First Class Cruise. “In my opinion, the best part of submarine life is the tight-knit community and the highly intelligent personnel of the sub force. Since there are so few people on submarines, each Sailor’s job is critical, and officers and enlisted Sailors work closely together to achieve mission success.”

Marine option rising seniors participated in Officer Candidates School, a six-week program held in Quantico, Virginia. During the challenging course, Marine officer candidates are evaluated on their moral, mental, and physical strength as well as their aptitude for leadership. This year, six Wisconsin midshipmen successfully completed the United States Marine Corps’ Officer Candidate School.

“OCS was one of the most memorable and best experiences of my life,” said Marine option MIDN 1/C Jorden Olesen, from Oshkosh, WI. “While it was incredibly difficult, it really helped me grow as an individual and discover aspects of myself that I need to focus on. The knowledge and discipline developed through drill, the small unit leadership evaluation, and endurance course benefited me greatly by building my confidence and developing my tools as a leader. OCS is an invaluable tool in evaluating and developing future officers, and once completed, is another step towards becoming a leader of Marines.”
Top Left: MIDN 3/C Gretchen Quade from Eau Claire, WI stands in front of USS America (LHA-6) at Naval Base San Diego.

Bottom Left: Wisconsin students celebrate their graduation from Officer Candidate School by posing together with the Wisconsin "W." From left to right: 2ndLt Reece Whitehead from Albany, WI, MIDN 1/C Justin Silvis from McFarland, WI, MIDN 1/C Jordan Olesen from Oshkosh, WI, Candidate Beau Howes (University of Wisconsin-Madison Platoon Leaders Class) from Walnut, IL, and MIDN 1/C Cogan Kirchenwitz from Pardeeville, WI.

Right: MIDN 2/C Kennedy Vander Waal from Mosinee, WI and MIDN 2/C Nicholas Termini from Halvertown, PA take a break to pose with the signature Wisconsin "W" at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training in Bridgeport, CA.
Midshipmen from the University of Wisconsin Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program conducted a community service event at the Frautschi Point area of the University’s Lakeshore Nature Preserve on Sunday, October 23rd. Frautschi Point juts out into Lake Mendota and is the northernmost parcel in the preserve and connects the western and eastern ends of the University’s land on the Lake Mendota shoreline. Its many wooded trails and close proximity to campus provide recreation opportunities for students and faculty throughout the year.

The staff of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve presented the midshipmen with several projects throughout Frautschi Point. The midshipmen organized themselves and divided the tasks among several groups. Some removed buckthorn and other invasive plant species, while others spread mulch to help redefine the preserve’s well-worn trails or collected various seeds from the Preserve. The remaining students picked up litter.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to get the whole unit together to help out at the Lakeshore Preserve,” said Midshipman 3/C Raquelle Sands from Northville, Wisconsin. “I loved knowing that our hard work will help keep our community beautiful.”

The event represented a valuable opportunity for midshipmen to work together. “It was a great experience to give back to the community that has taken us in these past few weeks, a place that many of us are starting to call home,” said Midshipman 4/C Samuel Fetherston, from Osseo, Wisconsin. “Nothing is better than seeing the impact you have on a community that you are a part of.”

Capt. Christopher Murdoch, NROTC commanding officer, remarked “For the second consecutive year, the battalion has answered my challenge to increase its level of support to the programs the University considers to be important. Promoting resource stewardship and environmental sustainability are important aspects of the University strategic framework—we are proud to be able to contribute to maintaining this important campus resource. This project was our major service event to the University for the academic year.”
Ball Honors Vietnam Veterans

**MIDN 1/C Atlanna Tschida**

On November 17th, University of Wisconsin-Madison Naval ROTC hosted the second annual Joint Military Ball at Monona Terrace in celebration of the 241st birthday of the Navy and Marine Corps, 100th birthday of the Army ROTC, and the 69th birthday of the Air Force. Captain Christopher Murdoch, Commanding Officer of Wisconsin’s Naval ROTC, presided over the evening’s ceremony which featured over four hundred officers, midshipmen, cadets, veterans, and guests.

The joint event featured customs and traditions of all services including the singing of service songs, toasting, and honoring missing comrades. All three of Wisconsin’s ROTC programs joined together to serve as a commemorative partner with the Department of Defense to welcome home Vietnam veterans on the 50th anniversary of that conflict.

Captain Murdoch had the honor of hosting Vietnam veterans representing the Navy, Marine Corps, and Army including Mr. Michael Henrickson, who served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, Mr. Robert Hall, who served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, and Dr. John Washbush, who served as a Commander in the U.S. Navy. Each was invited to share experiences from his service with the midshipmen and cadets. Stories ranged from patrolling the seas on Yankee Station off the coast of Vietnam to serving in the Massachusetts State Senate after separating from the Marines and included humorous anecdotes and words of wisdom for the future officers. The overwhelming majority of attendees remarked that the short speeches were the highlight of the event.

Officer Candidate Kirsch commented, “I really enjoyed Mr. Hall’s speech; his experiences in the Marines and in public service after retiring really put into perspective the meaning of a life of service.” Afterwards, each veteran was presented with a gift of gratitude for his service. Those in attendance conversed with the veterans over dinner, and the Ball concluded with dancing.

By all accounts, the Joint Military Ball was an outstanding success in honoring Vietnam veterans and celebrating the service birthdays. It will be a challenge for next year’s organizers to improve upon. On Wisconsin!

Captain Lovell Visits with Wisconsin Midshipmen

**LT Kaitlin Dryden**

The Wisconsin NROTC unit had the honor of welcoming former NASA astronaut and retired Navy Captain James Lovell on Saturday, 17 December, for a reception at the unit hosted by the midshipmen.

Lovell returned to the unit where his career in the Navy began, as a “Flying Midshipman” at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1946 to 1948, before transferring to continue his education at the U.S. Naval Academy. In Madison as the speaker for the Winter Commencement, he spent some of his time with members of the current battalion, staff, and members of the Alumni Association. He shared stories from both his time in the Navy and at NASA and gave advice to the future officers as they prepare themselves for commissioned service.

Commanding Officer Captain Christopher Murdoch stated, “We are honored that Captain Lovell took time to spend interacting with the midshipmen here at his former unit. He is the first distinguished alumni from the University of Wisconsin Naval ROTC program, which was established the very same year Captain Lovell began his training here, and which remains in the Naval Armory at 1610 University Avenue. Captain Lovell shared memories and leadership guidance from his remarkable U.S. Navy career that included flying fighters from the aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La and more than a decade flying space craft for NASA.”

Midshipmen from all classes thoroughly enjoyed the time they spent with Captain Lovell and learned a great deal from his stories and advice. “It was an incredible honor to meet a national hero,” said MIDN 4/C Anabel Roza from Seattle, WA. “It was so motivating to hear about how he started out as a midshipman here just like us and accomplished so many amazing things.”

A highlight of the visit was Captain Lovell’s retelling of the storied events of his Apollo 13 mission. “I especially learned from his story about maintaining his composure and focus on getting his men home when everything possible went wrong,” said Midshipman 1/C Christopher Poellinger from Coon Valley, WI. “His comments really drove home the point in my mind that the best approach to hardships in life is to maintain a positive outlook.”

Top Left: Captain Lovell poses with members of the Badger Battalion. Top Right: CAPT Lovell speaks about his time as a NASA Astronaut. Mid Left: The midshipmen present Captain Lovell with a unit logo sweatshirt to commemorate his visit. Mid Right: Wisconsin NROTC Alumni Association President Mr. Pat Volk presents a bound copy of CAPT Lovell’s Navy flight training records. Bottom Left: MIDN 2/C Jacob Fuiten from Menomonee Falls, WI, Captain James Lovell, MIDN 1/C Dominique Bowers from Sturgeon Bay, WI, MIDN 1/C Carter Welsh, also from Menomonee Falls. Bottom Right: CAPT Lovell signs a photo of himself to hang in the unit’s Wardroom in celebration of his role as the first distinguished Wisconsin NROTC alumnus.
The University of Wisconsin Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) unit hosted its 44th annual Fall Invitational Drill Meet on 7-8 October 2016. This year, six universities and more than 200 midshipmen traveled to the Madison campus to participate in the team competition.

The Invitational included midshipmen from the Ohio State University, Iowa State University, Marquette University, Miami of Ohio, the Universities of Illinois and Michigan, and both midshipmen and Air Force ROTC cadets from host Wisconsin. A contingent of family members and friends also traveled to Madison to see their midshipmen compete.

Competition began the afternoon of Oct. 7 with pistol and rifle shooting events held at the Pistol and Archery Center in Deerfield, Wisconsin. The University of Wisconsin NROTC unit took first place team awards in both rifle and pistol. Following the rifle/pistol competition, all teams were invited to a social that took place at the Sett Recreation Center, located at the University of Wisconsin's Union South.

Midshipman 3/C Daniel Sauer from Chicago, IL stated, "I had a great time and met some new people from other units. Overall it was a job well done and a great experience!"

Wisconsin Midshipman 1/C John Brueckbauer echoed the sentiment, "The drill meet was an extremely valuable experience for everyone who took part. It offered an experience to meet people from other schools we will likely see in the Fleet, catch up with friends met during summer cruise, and take part in various events from athletics, to shooting, and drill. In addition I thought it was awesome to see sophomores and juniors taking leadership roles both in competition and execution of events."

On Saturday, at the University of Wisconsin Marching Band Practice Field, teams competed in three separate events - platoon drill, squad drill, and color guard. In preparation for the drill competition, the teams spend months practicing the Marine Corps Drill Manual. The event was graded by Assistant Marine Officer Instructors (AMOI) from all the competing NROTC units. The University of Michigan took first place in both squad drill and color guard, while the University of Miami (Ohio) took first in platoon drill.

Two new events added this year were the popular basketball tournament and the track competition, which consisted of a 1600 meter race, a 4 x 200 meter relay, a 4 x 400 meter relay, and a distance medley relay. The University of Marquette won the basketball tournament, while Wisconsin NROTC took first in the track competition.

The highlight event of the drill meet was the Urban Adventure Race, a grueling 10-mile race around the University campus. The course began and ended at the NROTC unit and consisted of multiple exercise stations that included rope climbs, pull-ups, buddy carries, and a memorable stadium run event held at Camp Randall Stadium. Midshipmen competed in teams of six, and each team was given a 40-pound pack to carry throughout the race.

This year, the Ohio State University team captured first place in the adventure race with a time of 2:00:45, beating out the second place Wisconsin NROTC team and the third place Illinois team. At the conclusion of the race, University of Wisconsin midshipmen provided lunch for all the drill meet participants and staff, which served as another opportunity for the different units to get to know each other.

The drill meet culminated in an awards ceremony held at the Wisconsin NROTC unit. Wisconsin NROTC Commanding Officer Capt. Murdoch presented the overall team awards. Wisconsin NROTC was the overall champion of the invitational, tallying 827 total points. Second place went to Marquette University with 531.5 points, and the Ohio State University took third with 498.5 points.

"Everyone who competed put in a lot of time prior to the invite to perfect their event, which showed through the unit’s performance on the day of competition. Not only were we prepared to compete, but we were prepared to host; as a result, the drill meet was a success and ran very smoothly," said MIDN 4/C Jacob Rielly, from Spring Valley, WI. "I look forward to getting the opportunity to travel to another school’s drill meet in the spring!"
Student Awards: Fall 2016

Midshipman of the Semester
MIDN 3/C Renk

Physical Fitness Award (Navy PFA≥Outstanding, Marine CFT≥285)
MIDN 1/C Bowers MIDN 1/C Houben MIDN 1/C Poellinger MIDN 1/C Kirchenwitz, Cogan
MIDN 1/C Silvis MIDN 1/C Welsh MIDN 1/C Sherman MIDN 2/C Sherman
MIDN 2/C Hutt MIDN 2/C Huebner MIDN 2/C Raymond MIDN 2/C Fuiten
MIDN 2/C Kuhn MIDN 2/C Vander Waal MIDN 2/C Johnson MIDN 2/C McKeehan
OC Kirsch MIDN 3/C Gohike MIDN 3/C Ohman MIDN 3/C Renk
MIDN 3/C Knight MIDN 3/C Tilstra MIDN 3/C Clary MIDN 4/C Kirkland
MIDN 4/C Olsen MIDN 4/C Garduno MIDN 4/C Rielly

Leadership Excellence Award (Top of respective class)
MIDN 4/C Rielly MIDN 3/C Tilstra MIDN 2/C Sherman MIDN 1/C Poellinger
MIDN 1/C Poellinger MIDN 4/C Katula MIDN 4/C Nicholson

Academic Excellence Award (Term GPA≥3.75)
MIDN 1/C Houben MIDN 1/C Sherman MIDN 1/C Silvis MIDN 2/C Lauer
MIDN 3/C Ohman MIDN 4/C Canney MIDN 4/C Garduno

Academic Achievement Award (Term GPA≥3.5)
MIDN 1/C Bowers MIDN 1/C Callahan MIDN 1/C Tschida MIDN 1/C Kirchenwitz, Cogan
OC Kirsch MIDN 2/C Sherman MIDN 3/C Alheid MIDN 3/C Gohike
MIDN 4/C Roza

*The Badger Battalion’s Fall 2016 Average Semester GPA was 3.072.

Leadership Excellence Award Recipients
2016 Winter Commissioning

LT Kaitlin Dryden

Ens. James Ahlgrimm, 23, from Falls Church, VA, was commissioned on December 23, 2016 in the Senate Chambers of the Wisconsin State Capitol Building. He is a graduate of the School of Engineering, with a double major in Civil Engineering and Naval Science. Wisconsin NROTC Commanding Officer Captain Christopher Murdoch administered the commissioning oath. Family and friends pinned on his new rank, and his grandfather, a retired United States Army Specialist, issued his first salute. Ens. Ahlgrimm has been selected to serve in submarines and will report to nuclear power school in Charleston, South Carolina, in March 2017.

Fall 2016 Staff Promotions

This year, three members of the Wisconsin NROTC Wardroom advanced in rank. On August 2nd, Gunnery Sergeant Francisco Olivas, the unit’s Assistant Marine Officer Instructor, was promoted to E-7. On September 14th LCDR Kathryn Lipscomb was promoted to O-4. A Urology Resident at the University of Wisconsin Hospital, LCDR Lipscomb is attached to the unit while participating in the Navy Medical Service Corps DUISN program. On December 1st, Capt. Thomas Simonds, the unit’s Marine Officer Instructor, was promoted to O-3. Congratulations!

“Hail & Farewells”

As we end the Fall 2016 semester, we wish two staff members, “Fair Winds and Following Seas!” The unit's Human Resources Assistant Aaron Sarbacker has departed the unit to take another position in the local area. LT Ryan Peterson is separating from the Navy and moving to Seattle, WA to pursue a civilian career. In addition, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff members, Ms. Pam Lehman, the unit’s new Supply Technician, and LT Taylor Ebert, the new Alpha Company Advisor and nuclear programs advisor.
Future Events

The Badger Battalion is excited to announce the following upcoming events for the Spring 2017 semester:

- Polar Plunge Community Service: February 18
- Notre Dame Leadership Conference: February 23-26
- Navy Recruit Training Command Graduation: March 31
- Unit Blood Drive: March 31
- Villanova Drill Meet: April 7-9
- ROTC Joint Awards Ceremony: April 12
- VA Hospital Community Service Event: April 22
- Spring Ball: April 28
- Joint Commissioning Ceremony: May 13
Fall 2016 Photos from the Badger Battalion

Student Orientation Week 2016, Fort McCoy, Sparta, WI
Top Left: Badger battalion volunteers help set up the semester’s Blood Drive. Middle: The aviation club and other battalion members had the opportunity to see the T-45 Goshawk up close and talk to instructor pilots and students. Bottom: The Commanding Officer recognized the battalion’s high performers from the spring semester at awards quarters.
Top: The Marine option midshipmen pose for a photo atop Bascom Hill after their 6 mile hike. Bottom: The battalion gathers together to celebrate the end of the Fall 2016 semester with the annual staff chili cookoff and the Battalion Commander change of command ceremony. At bottom center, outgoing BNCO MIDN 1/C Poellinger finalizes the turnover by passing the unit’s flag to incoming Battalion Commander MIDN 1/C Justin Silvis, as outgoing Battalion Sergeant Major MIDN 1/C Michael Sherman salutes.
Membership Dues are as follows:
- Annual Membership $25
- 5-Year Membership $100
- Lifetime Membership (Best Value!) $300

Membership dues are used to fund Association operations, Midshipman Battalion events, and alumni reunion support. Additionally, a portion of each payment is placed in the enduring Award Trust Fund that was established over 25 years ago.

Payments can be made on-line via PayPal via the Alumni Webpage: http://uwnrotcalumni.org or via check. If paying by check, please enclose the bottom portion of this form with your payment and mail to:

UW NROTC Alumni Association
PO Box 5205
Madison, WI  53705-0205

Name: ______________________________  Graduation Year: ______________
Address: __________________________  Membership Type: (Check one)
_______________  ___ Lifetime ($300)
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_______________  ___ Annual ($25)
Email: __________________________
The UW-NROTC Store offers the following to show your Badger Battalion pride:

- Ball Caps $10
- Unit Polo’s $25 (Navy Blue) Semper Fi Polo’s $20
- Sweatpants $10
- Two types of Challenge Coins $5
- Water Bottles $5

These items along with new merchandise are available on the UW-NROTC website.

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