On 23–24 October 2015 the University of Wisconsin NROTC staff, midshipman and officer candidates will be conducting its 43rd annual fall invitational. The invite will consist of events that promote skills valuable to future Navy and Marine Corps Officers such as rifle and pistol shooting competition, basic platoon, squad and color guard drill and an urban adventure race. Below is a summary of events in greater detail. We hope to see you all here, on Wisconsin.

**Summary of Events:**

**Platoon Drill Competition**

**Team Size and Organization:** The size of the unit for Platoon Drill will be no less than 14 members and no more than 20, including a unit commander and platoon guide. NROTC Units can request exemptions to this rule by contacting the University of Wisconsin Assistant Marine Officer Instructor (AMOI). The team will be organized into three squads with each member of the Platoon armed with a rifle. Authorized rifles for the competition are the M1, M14, M16, or Springfield 1903. A platoon guide is required to carry a standard eight foot (8’) staff with unit guidon. The unit commander may carry a sword, belt and scabbard, or be armed with a rifle. Each school is allowed to enter one team in the Platoon Drill competition.

**Platoon Inspection:** The Platoon Inspection will only be used in the event of a tie in the Platoon Drill competition, or for the overall winner. This will be a formal inspection conducted in Midshipman Khaki uniforms or service equivalent. If there is a tie in the inspection, the individual scores of the unit commander, platoon guide, and squad leaders (in that order) will be used to break the tie.

**Drill Card:** One (1) platoon drill card will be available for download on the University of Wisconsin Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps’ (NROTC) website at a later date. All movements will be executed in accordance with current MCO P5060.20. Any questions that are not specifically addressed in the order will be left up to the discretion of the University of Wisconsin AMOI. Units can contact the AMOI for clarification prior to the event.

**Drill Area:** The drill area for the Platoon Drill competition will be a 50 yard by 50 yard surface marked by cones in each corner. As in past years, the surface will be artificial turf.

**Squad Drill Competition**

**Team Size and Organization:** The size of the unit for the squad drill competition will be no less than seven (7) participants and no more than ten (10) including the squad leader. Each member is required to carry a rifle (see Platoon Drill for authorized types). The unit leader may carry a sword, belt, and scabbard, or a rifle. Each school is allowed to enter two (2) teams in the squad
drill competition, with only their top team’s score counting towards determining the overall winner.

**Drill Card:** One (1) Squad Drill card will be available for download from the University of Wisconsin NROTC website at a later date. Refer to Platoon Drill Card section for MCO and the discretion of the University of Wisconsin AMOI.

**Drill Area:** The drill area for the Squad Drill competition will be a 30 yard by 30 yard surface marked by cones in each corner. As in past years, the surface will be artificial turf.

**Color Guard Competition**

**Team Size and Organization:** All NROTC color guard teams will consist of five (5) members: three color bearers (National Ensign, Marine Corps Colors, and Navy Colors) and two riflemen. All non-NROTC color guard teams shall consist of at least two (2) color bearers (National Ensign and Service Respective Colors) and two (2) riflemen. Each school is allowed to enter two (2) color guard teams in the competition, with only the top team’s score counting towards determining the overall winner.

**Drill Card:** One (1) color guard drill card will be available for download on the University of Wisconsin NROTC website. See Platoon Drill Card section regarding MCO and University of Wisconsin AMOI discretion.

**Drill Area:** The drill area for the Color Guard competition will be a 30 yard by 30 yard surface marked by cones in each corner. As in years past, the surface will be artificial turf.

**Urban Adventure Race**

**Overview:** The UW Madison Urban Adventure Race (UAR) will start and finish in the vicinity of the UW Madison NROTC Unit located at 1610 University Avenue, Madison, WI. The course will travel throughout the campus and surrounding area and teams can be viewed throughout the course.

**Uniform:** Participants will wear boots and utility bottoms. Unit t-shirts are authorized. Each individual must have his/her own water source. Camelbacks are recommended.
Course: The course will consist of eight (8) to thirteen (13) miles across campus. The course will be continuous with teams stopping at various stations to test full body fitness throughout the course.

Team Size and Organization: Each team will consist of six (6) individuals including one (1) individual of each class and one (1) female. Each school is allowed to enter up to two teams in the UAR competition, with only their top team’s score counting towards determining the overall winner.

Point of Contact: MIDN Kuhn is the point of contact for the UAR. Team Captains and OIC’s should direct all questions to him. If he cannot be reached, then Team Captains and OIC’s should contact MIDN Silvis, the Fall Invite OIC.

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Rifle/Pistol Competition

Location: The Rifle/Pistol Competition will be held at Deerfield Pistol and Archery Center located at 43 North Main Street, Deerfield, WI 53531 and is approximately 30 minutes from the University of Wisconsin NROTC Unit. Transportation to and from is the responsibility of each individual unit.

Execution: The competition will begin on Friday, 23 October from 1200-2100. The firing order will be based on teams’ estimated arrival time to Madison. Teams are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled firing time. Teams arriving late will be cutting short their own shooting time.

Uniform: The uniform for this event will be MCCUU’s or NWU’s or jeans and a team shirt. Shooting Jackets and other accessories are acceptable as long as they are in accordance with NRA shooting match regulations.

Weapons: Standard .22 Caliber rifles and pistols only. Lead based ammunition will be allowed for the competition and it will be the responsibility of each team to bring their own ammunition. Weapon storage is not permitted at the range or on campus (including at UW NROTC); however, the University of Wisconsin Madison Police Department will store weapons for free on campus. Otherwise, teams must arrange for their own weapon storage.
Team Size and Organization: Each team will consist of four (4) shooters for the rifle competition, and four (4) for the pistol competition. Shooters can participate in both. Teams do not need to compete in both events. Each school is allowed to enter one team in both events. Teams can request exceptions to these requirements by contacting Sgt. Leszcynski.

Point of Contact: The Point of Contact for the Rifle and Pistol Competitions is Sgt. Leszcynski. All questions regarding these competitions should be directed to him. If Sgt. Leszcynski cannot be reached, teams are instructed to contact MIDN 2/C Silvis, the OIC of the Fall Invite.

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Sailing Competition

Execution: The University of Wisconsin NROTC Sailing Competition will be held on Lake Mendota in front of the Memorial Union. A map with directions to the competition from UW NROTC Unit will be provided at a later date. Transportation to and from the competition is the responsibility of each individual unit.

Uniform and Gear: The uniform for this event will be wetsuits, life jackets, sailing helmets, and fully closed toed shoes. UW NROTC will secure all equipment for the competition besides closed toed shoes. UW NROTC and the Hoofers Sailing Club will provide Laser sailboats, sails, and all rigging necessary.

Team Size and Organization: Each team will consist of two (2) skippers and one (1) Laser sailboat. Teams will sail an out and back course. Further details will follow.

Point of Contact: The point of contact for the Sailing Competition will be MIDN 2/C Callahan. All questions about the conduct of the Sailing portion should be directed towards him. If MIDN Callahan cannot be contacted, questions should be directed to MIDN 2/C Silvis, the OIC of the Fall Invite.

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Overall Winner

The overall winner of the 2015 University of Wisconsin-Madison Drill Invitational will be determined by adding all the points for each team from each event together. Each event holds a different weight in determining the overall winner:

- Platoon Drill 15%
- Squad Drill 15%
- Color Guard 15%
- Urban Adventure Race 25%
- Sailing Competition 10%
- Rifle Competition 10%
- Pistol Competition 10%

Awards Ceremony

Execution: All units are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony which will be conducted after the conclusion of all events and the tallying of scores. The approximate time is 1530 on 24 October. If extenuating circumstances such as travel considerations exist, attendance is not mandatory. Units will be obligated to pay for shipping and handling of their awards if they are not present at the ceremony.

Uniform: Attendance at the awards ceremony will be in Midshipman Khaki uniforms or service equivalent. The only exception will be in the event that a UAR team does not have time to change before the beginning of the ceremony. Non-participants are authorized to wear proper civilian attire (PCA) for the ceremony.

Awards: Awards will be presented for teams placing in the top three for each event as well as an overall winner. Rifle and Pistol competition top shooters will also be recognized.

Food

Execution: UW NROTC will provide a meal to all participants. Cost for the food will be part of the each ROTC registration fees. Food will be served at approximately 1200 on Saturday, 24 October. For those interested in purchasing food elsewhere, a variety of venues will be open across campus. A social even TBD is also planned.