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Congratulations and Welcome Aboard!

As Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at The Ohio State University, I would like to thank you for choosing The Ohio State University. My staff and I would like to extend a warm “welcome aboard” to the new officer candidates, MECEP, scholarship, and college program midshipmen and welcome you to one of the finest NROTC units in the country. Each of you should feel a strong sense of personal pride and satisfaction for the many achievements that have led to your acceptance into the NROTC program. Your efforts have earned you an opportunity of a lifetime which will challenge you while providing immeasurable rewards. Your future success now depends on how well you handle the significant challenges facing you in the new environment you are entering.

I know you will have many questions about the University and the NROTC program. This package is designed to answer some of the most commonly asked questions. If there is something you are still unsure of, my staff and I will be pleased to provide the information you require.

We look forward to working with you and assisting you in any way we can. Again, congratulations and welcome aboard!!

Michael H. Glaser
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer
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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY OF NROTC
The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps was first established in 1926 to offer certain college students the necessary Naval Science courses required to earn commissions in the Naval Reserve. As a result of this plan, NROTC units are now established at many colleges and universities across the country. Graduates of these units are expected to be of a caliber comparable to those of the U.S Naval Academy.

MISSION
“The mission of the Naval ROTC Unit at The Ohio State University is to develop midshipmen mentally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty.” Ohio State graduates commissioned in the Navy and Marine Corps possess basic professional knowledge and are motivated toward careers in the sea services. They are expected to develop in mind and body to attain the highest levels of citizenship, patriotism, and leadership qualities.

CONCLUSION
First, the NROTC Unit is designed to teach and qualify you for a commission. It will require your scholarship, dedication, courage, and tenacity. Secondly, the staff is here to help you become as successful as possible. Their doors are always open to discuss academic, career, or personal concerns. An appointment is not required, but it does require your initiative to let us know how we can help. Finally, read this book carefully. This book is intended to provide some information to assist in your transition from civilian life to the naval service. There is a great deal for you to learn, both academically and professionally.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION PROGRAM
BACKGROUND
The Freshman Orientation program is provided for all incoming freshman NROTC students, including all 3 and 4 year scholarship and College Program students. The purpose of the Freshman Orientation Program is to provide students the opportunity to quickly assimilate the
prerequisite knowledge required to function in the Battalion. The following objectives will be accomplished:

- Introduction to and overview of the NROTC program at Ohio State
- Basic indoctrination in customs, courtesies, traditions, and organization; including unit regulations and chain of command
- Basic competency in military drill and ceremony
- Physical fitness training
  - Team building with your new classmates (friendships developed will last long beyond your university experiences)
  - Introduction of new members of the naval services to a military environment

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Orientation Program begins on Monday the week before classes officially start at OSU and runs through the following Friday. It is held at Converse Hall, 2121 Tuttle Park on the campus of The Ohio State University. If you get lost or have any problems while traveling call (614) 292-6015. You should arrive in appropriate civilian clothing. Males: a collared shirt, tie, a pair of trousers/slacks, belt, and dress shoes. Females: a blouse, trousers/slacks, belt, and dress shoes, not high heels. Attendance at Freshman Orientation is mandatory for all incoming freshmen and mid-year enrollees to the battalion. Mid-year enrollees will attend the first available Freshman Orientation. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. MECEPs and Officer Candidates do not attend Freshman Orientation.

Freshman orientation is challenging, but is not the equivalent of boot camp. It is not graded and you cannot fail. It will give you the opportunity to meet the staff and your midshipman peers, many of whom you will work with throughout your Navy or Marine Corps career.

PARENTS

Many students have their parents drive them to Freshman Orientation. We encourage your parents to attend the opening presentation. During the presentation we will have the Swearing-in Ceremony for scholarship students. The staff will also be available to answer any questions your parents may have after the opening presentation. The NROTC Unit will also provide lunch for you and your parents.

HOUSING FOR ORIENTATION

Your residence hall will usually be available for early check-in on the same day Freshman Orientation begins, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 am. The NROTC Unit will cover the cost of early check-in provided you complete Freshman Orientation. The NROTC Unit will only cover your early check-in for the times you are at Freshman Orientation. If you choose to move in before Freshman Orientation, you will be responsible for paying for those days. Early check-in is a nice benefit as it lets you avoid the “rush” that occurs when the remaining students arrive. You should receive a letter from the university stating your eligibility for early check-in and the procedures for payment of this additional fee. The early check-in fee does not include meals. The NROTC Unit in conjunction with orientation training will provide most meals during this period, at no cost.
**PHYSICAL FITNESS**

One of the objectives of orientation is to expose you to the Navy’s Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA). The purpose of the test during orientation is *not* to evaluate you for fitness in the program—it is designed to show you how to run the test prior to running it with the other students in the unit later in the fall.

*Note: You need to be physically qualified by a recent physician’s certification in order to participate in the physical portion of the NROTC Freshman Orientation Program.*

**WHAT TO BRING FOR ORIENTATION**

1. 8 white crew neck T-Shirts (required to be worn underneath uniform)
2. 5 pairs of white athletic socks (at least)
3. A conservative, one-piece swim suit (females)
4. Towel
5. Running Shoes
6. Athletic Bra (females)
7. Gym Bag
8. Pens, pencil, paper, notebook
9. Toiletries
10. Shower shoes
11. Appropriate undergarments
12. Padlock
13. Black shoe polish and edge dressing
15. Incidental expense money ($30.00 recommended)
16. **HAIRCUT** conforming to Naval regulations (see Knowledge Packet)

**UNIFORM ITEMS TO BE ISSUED DURING ORIENTATION**

1. Khaki pants
2. Khaki shirt
3. 2 pairs of black socks
4. Black leather shoes
5. Garrison cover
6. NROTC PT shirt

Officer Candidates should note that clothing allowances will be discontinued while enrolled in the NROTC program.

**OC AND MECEP SPONSORS**

Officer candidates and MECEP participants will be assigned a sponsor from the NROTC battalion. Contact the office at (614) 292-6015 for further information.

**MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Every precaution is taken by the staff to ensure that all NROTC activities are conducted with a “safety first” motto. In case of injury or sickness, a medical clinic is available at The Ohio State University. Normally, most students are afforded medical insurance under their parents’ coverage vice subscribing to the University’s Insurance Plan. However, if this does not apply, the NROTC Unit strongly recommends that you enroll in the OSU student medical insurance plan. It should be noted that health insurance is mandatory for students, whether it is through the University’s health plan or otherwise.
**PAPERWORK CHECKLIST**

*Turn in the following documents to the NROTC Unit as soon as possible:*

1. Copy of Birth Certificate  
2. Copy of High School Transcript  
3. I.D. Card Application  
4. Emergency Data Form  
5. College Program Application (for those who are not scholarship)  
6. High School Data Form  
7. Medical Examination/Sports Physical

Deliver or send to:  
Commanding Officer  
NROTC Unit  
The Ohio State University  
2121 Tuttle Park Place (Converse Hall)  
Columbus, Ohio 43210

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**  
If you have any questions regarding the NROTC Program or the Orientation at Converse Hall, please feel free to contact us by letter, phone, or visit the office. Our phone number is (614) 292-6015. We look forward to meeting you.
DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CONVERSE HALL

FROM THE NORTH - Take I-71 South to I-270 West. Follow I-270 West to S.R. 315 South. Exit at Lane Avenue. Turn left onto Lane Avenue. Converse Hall is at the corner of Lane Avenue and Tuttle Park Place on the right hand side of Lane.

FROM THE SOUTH - Take I-71 North to S.R. 315 North. Exit at Lane Avenue. Turn right onto Lane Avenue. Converse Hall is at the corner of Lane Avenue and Tuttle Park Place on the right hand side of Lane.

FROM THE EAST - Take I-70 West to S.R. 315 North. Exit at Lane Avenue. Turn right onto Lane Avenue. Converse Hall is at the corner of Lane Avenue and Tuttle Park Place on the right hand side of Lane.

FROM THE WEST – Take I-70 East to 670 East. Follow I-670 East to S.R. 315 North. Exit at Lane Avenue. Turn right onto Lane Avenue. Converse Hall is at the corner of Lane Avenue and Tuttle Park Place on the right hand side of Lane.

FROM THE NORTH CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS – Follow Curl Drive (One Way) to Neil Avenue. Turn left on Neil Avenue until it dead ends at Tuttle Park Place. Converse Hall is at the intersection of Curl Drive and Tuttle Park Place.

FROM THE SOUTH CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS – Go North on College Avenue to Woodruff. Turn left onto Woodruff. Follow Woodruff to Tuttle Park Place. Turn right on Tuttle Park Place. Converse Hall will be immediately on your left.

FROM THE WEST CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS (Lincoln and Morrill Towers) - Go North on Cannon Drive (towards the stadium). Cannon Drive will dead end near St. John’s Arena at Woody Hayes Drive. Take a right onto Woody Hayes. The next light will be Tuttle Park Place. Turn left onto Tuttle Park Place and Converse Hall will be immediately on your left.

To avoid receiving a parking citation, park only at “C” parking spaces (marked with a green sign) while at Converse Hall.
FRESHMAN ORIENTATION SCHEDULE OF KEY EVENTS
(Parents able to see the students only before or after the Schedule of events for the entire day)

MONDAY-12 SEPTEMBER
0900 - 1100 Dorms available for check-in
1100 - 1145 Check in at Converse Hall
1100 - 1200 Parent Lunch
1200 - 1320 **Parents**: Orientation/Question & Answer Session (*Knowlton Hall*)
1215 – 1235 Oath of Office to Scholarship Students (*Knowlton Hall*)
1235 – 1300 Chaplains Brief
1300 – 1400 **Students**: Uniform Issue
1400 – 1430 **Students**: Lunch
1430 – 1700 **Students**: Paperwork/Drill (*Converse Hall*)
1700 – 1800 Dinner
1800 Student Dismissal

TUESDAY-13 SEPTEMBER
0545 – 1815 Physical Fitness Assessment
General military topics
- Academics
- Battalion Structure
- Regulations
- Customs

WEDNESDAY-14 SEPTEMBER
0545-1830 Physical Training
Close order drill
NROTC clubs
Campus Safety
General military/academic topics

THURSDAY-15 SEPTEMBER
0530 – 1830 Physical Training
Close order drill
Professional Speaking
Stadium Cleanups
Standing Duty
Close Order Drill

FRIDAY-16 SEPTEMBER
0600 Battalion Run
0930 - 1200 Platoon Competition
1245 Platoon Question and Answer
1330 Staff Question and Answer
1415 Graduation & Tailgate
1600 Dismissal
EDUCATION AND TRAINING

BACKGROUND

The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) is a comprehensive program to prepare midshipmen for commissioning as officers into the Navy or Marine Corps. The program includes university degree studies, Naval Science, other Navy-specified courses, military drill, summer active duty training periods, and extracurricular activities.

While in the NROTC Unit, you will be evaluated on your academic performance, aptitude, ability to meet physical readiness standards, mental attitude, and motivation for naval service. These evaluations are very important, for they, in conjunction with your university grade point average, will determine your NROTC class standing. Your class standing or ranking will directly affect not only your summer training options, but also your chance of being assigned the duty you desire upon graduation.

If you experience academic or aptitude difficulties, immediately contact your NROTC class advisor and, as appropriate, contact your university advisor for consultation and assistance. By quickly recognizing a potential problem area, all concerned will be able to better help you.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Academics. All grades received from the university, cumulative averages, and quarter averages.

Aptitude Standards. Aptitude is a broad term used to describe the qualities desirable in an officer. The aptitude mark is based on a midshipman's officer-like qualities. All midshipmen will be periodically counseled on how to improve their aptitude. All midshipmen in one class are compared with each other to arrive at an aptitude mark. Thus, a midshipman's aptitude mark indicates a standing compared to his or her classmates. The aptitude grade reflects leadership potential, the level of participation in naval science classes and lab, interest in the NROTC program, and participation in university and unit extracurricular activities.

SERVICE OBLIGATION

Upon completing the NROTC Program and obtaining a commission, all scholarship midshipmen incur a minimum five year active duty obligation. Upon commissioning, College Program midshipmen are required to serve five years on active duty. Certain specialized programs, including aviation and submarine training, incur a significant additional service obligation.

After the beginning of the sophomore year, a four-year scholarship student who withdraws or is disenrolled (for other than physical reasons) before graduation may be obligated to serve two or more years of active enlisted service. A four year enlisted obligation is incurred upon completion of the NROTC Program if the midshipman refuses a commission.

ACADEMIC MAJORS

Scholarship Program. Students in the NROTC Scholarship Program as a Navy Option must maintain a degree in one of three academic tiers. A List of these academic tiers and which majors they contain can be found here: https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarship_criteria.aspx Failure to maintain a major
within their respective academic tier may result in loss of NROTC Scholarship. Today's Navy and Marine Corps use complex systems and a strong technical base is important. As a minimum, all Navy option scholarship students are required to take three quarters of calculus and three quarters of calculus-based physics. An ability to handle technical material is an important consideration in future naval assignment. Midshipmen who qualify for the Navy's nuclear power program are normally, but not exclusively, engineering, math or science majors.

The following university fees WILL be paid:
1. Tuition
2. General
3. Student activity
4. Learning technology
5. All Lab (with the exception of aviation labs, the Navy doesn’t pay for the flying and fuel fees)
6. COTA
7. Recreation
8. Non-residential fees
9. Instructional
10. Technology
11. Business and Engineering Computer

The following fees WILL NOT be paid by the Navy:
1. Health insurance
2. Room/housing
3. Board/meal plans
4. Orientation
5. Housing activity

**Acceptance fee SHOULD be paid by the applicant but will be reimbursed by the Navy.

**College Program.** There are no restrictions placed on the academic major of College Program Students. However, when competing for scholarship status, students with engineering or science majors are considered more competitive. College Program Students selected for scholarships are held to the same requirements as other Scholarship Program Midshipmen.

**Curriculum Change**

Any midshipman desiring to change his or her major must initially discuss the intention with the class advisor. This must be followed by a formal written request to the Commanding Officer via the class advisor. The request will contain full justification for the proposed change. In addition, a revised Statement of Intent will be submitted to the class advisor and a copy forwarded to the Naval Education and Training Command.

**ACADEMICS**

**Curriculum Requirements & Limitations**

The Naval ROTC Program is designed to take entering freshmen from all backgrounds and prepare them for commissioning in the Navy or Marine Corps while they earn their degree. The instructional program consists of three parts: the university major, Naval-specified courses, and Naval professional courses. It is designed to ensure all NROTC graduates have an adequate common background in Naval Science subjects to qualify for duty as officers in the Navy or Marine Corps.

**Failure to Meet Navy Course Requirements**

Navy Option Scholarship students who do not complete the calculus and physics requirements by the end of their sophomore and junior years, respectively, will be placed on Leave of Absence (LOA) by the Professor of Naval Science until these requirements are completed. Midshipmen placed on LOA lose all scholarship benefits, including the subsistence allowance, tuition, books, fees,
etc. Each student must arrange their schedule to meet all Navy and degree requirements within the set time limits. Naval Science instructors will interview students at regular intervals to determine progress toward graduation.

Course Withdrawals. NROTC students may not drop or withdraw from any course without permission of the Professor of Naval Science and the head of the academic department concerned. Dropping a course without permission may result in Unit probation or disenrollment from NROTC Program. Keeping the Unit informed of all your academic changes is vital.

Course Deferrals. NROTC students must notify their class instructor when considering accepting a deferred grade. In all cases, class instructors must be notified prior to final acceptance of the grade.

Pass/Fail Policy. Students who want to take a course using the University's Pass/Fail policy must ensure that each case is acceptable to their respective college. The Pass/Fail procedure may not be applied to Navy-specified or Navy professional courses.

Minimum Course Load. NROTC students will be required to maintain a classification of full time student (a minimum course load of 12 credits per quarter) in order to receive scholarship benefits from the government. In the event any student registers for or drops below the minimum quarter course load of 12 credits, the student will immediately be placed on leave of absence. Students in the Battalion must take 12 credit hours in addition to their Naval Science class.

Attendance. Unexcused absences from naval science classes, labs or required study halls are not authorized. All students, whether scholarship or not, are expected to attend all university classes. Skipping classes can lead to disciplinary action, academic disaster, and ultimately to disenrollment.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The Naval profession is rigorous and exacting, and requires that an officer constantly strive to perform to the best of his or her ability. All midshipmen are expected to work to the limits of their potential. A sound academic foundation is necessary to assure the NROTC graduate can successfully complete follow-on training and be professionally competitive in the various warfare communities. In order to ensure NROTC graduates are properly prepared, all midshipmen are encouraged to strive for personal, professional and academic excellence. The present NROTC goal is an academic grade point average of 3.2 or better (on a 4.0 scale). In addition, the importance of professional excellence is stressed and measured in the areas of military aptitude, physical readiness, and swimming.

Each midshipman has the responsibility to inform the class advisor of academic progress. Each class advisor must be told of changes in the academic status of their students. If a midshipman's academic or aptitude standing is not being maintained, it is his or her duty to request an interview with the class advisor to discuss the reason for the poor performance. If required, the student may be brought before the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer to discuss the problem and to seek a solution. To enable class advisors to monitor NROTC student progress and to answer or ask questions which cannot be dealt with in the classroom, each student will schedule at least two interviews per quarter. Should the midshipman fail to meet established
standards, remedial counseling, probation, leave of absence (LOA), or disenrollment may follow.

**Academic Warning.**

Students whose quarter or cumulative GPA falls between a 2.0 and a 2.5 will receive a Letter of Academic Warning and be required to attend study hall. Failure to show significant improvement may result in an appearance before a Unit review board and possible placement on probation or leave of absence (LOA).

**Monetary Academic Incentives**

NROTC students have the opportunity to compete for quarterly performance based scholarships. Students will not only be considered on the grounds of academics, but also in their military aptitude and physical fitness. These scholarships are available to all midshipmen.

**Performance Review Boards**

Midshipmen who fail a required course or whose quarter or cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 will be required to appear before a Performance Review Board (PRB). Based upon the results of the Board, one of the following three actions may be taken (Note: PRBs may be convened for deficiencies in academics, physical fitness or aptitude).

**Probation**

Midshipmen will be placed on academic probation for the quarter immediately following a deficient quarter. Midshipmen who are in probationary status are notified of their status in writing. This letter will advise them of the cause, period, and terms of the probation. Failure to meet the terms specified (improved grades, physical conditioning and/or aptitude) will result in consideration for LOA (loss of financial assistance) or disenrollment (loss of scholarship and separation from the NROTC program). Probation is appropriate if the difficulty is considered temporary, the student has the ability and is sufficiently motivated to overcome the difficulty, and the student has demonstrated potential as a Naval officer.

**Leave of Absence (LOA)**

It may be necessary to place a student on a leave of absence (LOA) due to continued unsatisfactory performance. LOA is specifically authorized when there exists a genuine anticipation that the student may not be capable of completing the program and he or she is about to incur an active duty obligation. While on LOA, the student does not receive any benefits from the Navy.

**Disenrollment**

Disenrollment is loss of scholarship and separation from the NROTC program. If a midshipman has incurred an active duty (enlisted) obligation, he or she must complete the terms of that agreement. Disenrollment is used only as a last resort when the overall record or specific academic, aptitude, physical readiness, or swimming failures make the midshipman's value as an officer suspect.
SUMMER TRAINING

Summer training is held annually to give NROTC students the opportunity to gain experience in the practical applications of their studies in Naval Science. Training normally lasts four to eight weeks as specified by the Naval Education and Training Command. Midshipmen receive approximately one half of an Ensign's base pay while in training plus travel expenses. Each four-year scholarship student must participate in three training periods. Normally, a diversified training period is conducted between the freshman and sophomore years (third-class cruise), a period of at-sea training between the sophomore and junior years (second-class cruise), and another period of at-sea training between the junior and senior years (first-class cruise). Marine Option students attend Officer Candidate School in place of the first-class cruise.

Three year scholarship students will not participate in the third class cruise, but will participate in either the diversified or at-sea cruise for their second-class cruise between the sophomore and junior years. Each NROTC College Program student is required to participate in one period of summer training: the first-class cruise.

Third-Class Cruise (CORTRAMID)

Designed to give midshipmen an overall view of the many types of duty available so the midshipman can decide which Navy career field is most agreeable with his or her goals and personality. This training takes place in San Diego, CA summer after freshman year for scholarship students. Nurse Option midshipmen will receive at-sea training aboard a ship with a large medical facility. Navy and Marine Option Third-Class summer training is in four phases:

Aviation A one-week training session during which midshipmen are indoctrinated into Naval Aviation. Training is conducted at various Naval Air Stations by means of lectures and demonstrations. Training flights in naval aircraft may be provided, subject to aircraft availability and funding constraints.

Marine Corps A one-week training session that introduces midshipmen to the physical and mental challenges associated with Marine life. It provides a basic understanding of the Marine Corps' capability in rapidly task organizing a Marine air, ground, and combat service support force for contingencies. In addition, midshipmen are exposed to the complexities of expeditionary operations.

Surface A one-week training session intended to familiarize midshipmen with the major mission areas of nuclear and non-
nuclear surface ships. This is done with at-sea training and the use of shore trainers.

**Submarine** A one-week training session where students learn the general mission of subsurface warfare and opportunities in the Nuclear Submarine community. Women receive instruction on career opportunities in the General Unrestricted Line.

**Second-Class Cruise**
At-sea training in which the midshipmen live and work with enlisted personnel. While aboard Naval surface ships, midshipmen will obtain insight into the abilities, awareness, and problems of enlisted personnel and be made aware of the impact of the leadership of senior enlisted. Nurse Option midshipmen do not participate in the Second-Class cruise so they may complete the clinical portion of the University’s School of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio. Marine option midshipmen attend Mountain Warfare Training, a Combined Arms Exercise, or expeditionary training.

**First-Class Cruise**
At-sea training session in which Navy option midshipmen live and work as junior officers. This cruise can be afloat onboard a surface ship, submarine or an aviation cruise. Nurse Option midshipmen train as junior nurses at major naval medical facilities. Marine Options will attend Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia.

**Specialty Cruises**
A variety of specialty cruises are available for students interested in a particular warfare community. Currently, specialty cruises that are available include aviation, submarine, foreign exchange, special warfare orientation, and combined arms exercises.

**ACTIVITIES**
*REMINDER* - Your primary objective at Ohio State is to earn a baccalaureate degree and a commission.

As a member of the Ohio State NROTC, you may participate in any Unit, University, or local activity. Common sense and judgment are crucial in budgeting your time.

**Drill Team** The NROTC drill team competes at various drill invitationals each year. Becoming a member of the basic drill team will be based on the individual's interest in standard military drill and also interest and proficiency in handling a weapon. No experience is necessary to join.
**Rifle and Pistol Team**  Membership on the NROTC Rifle and Pistol Team is open to all hands. The NROTC Rifle Team and Pistol Teams compete several times each year against other NROTC Units. No experience is necessary to join.

**Unit Band**  A NROTC Band is formed at the beginning of each Fall Quarter. Participation is not restricted to any class and it is under the directorship of upperclassmen. The Band performs both as a band for formal military functions. Membership is based on the individual's interest in music and desire to perform in a military band. Those who play musical instruments are highly encouraged to seek more information about joining.

**Unit Choir**  The High Seas was established in 1960 as a men's chorus within The Ohio State University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps performing both on and off campus with appearances on several local television stations. They recorded their first record, "Songs of the High Seas," in 1963. The choir has had the privilege of performing multiple times for the president of The Ohio State University; Senator John Glenn; the OSU Alumni Association; and most notably, the 41st President of The United States, President George H.W. Bush. The High Seas have also been invited to perform at The United States Naval Academy Chapel in spring 2004.

To join the group prior music experience is preferred but not necessary; you need only show up ready to learn and have an enjoyable time!

**Unit Color Guard**  The Color Guard performs many services for both Ohio State NROTC and the surrounding community. Color Guards are provided for NROTC labs and events, local and University parades and home football games. All Battalion members take part in color guards. The Color Guard is under the instruction of the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor.

**Sailing Club**  Once qualified on the Laser, you are eligible to join the Ohio State NROTC sailing club. The club boasts six Lasers and two 420 Sailboats used for racing or recreation.

The racing season consists of regattas in the Fall and Spring Quarters at other NROTC schools.

**Air/Sub/Surface Warfare Clubs**  The clubs are open to all students in good standing with the NROTC Unit. The clubs aim to develop midshipmen's leadership, knowledge of combat operations, and knowledge of specific warfare community. Each club usually visits a training base during a quarter break. These clubs, which are referred to as warfare clubs, are mandatory for all Midshipmen. Navy midshipmen can select the club they are most interested in starting their sophomore year.

**Intramural Sports**  When sufficient interest is indicated for participation in intramural sports, an NROTC team is formed. Midshipmen are encouraged to participate in intramural competitions whether it is for the NROTC or an outside activity. The Unit annually sponsors teams of midshipmen who compete not only in the intramural sports program, but also against similar teams from other NROTC Units. When there is enough interest shown, more than one team is formed for each sport. Basketball, soccer, football, and softball are a few of the sports the Unit sponsors.

**Quarterdeck Ball**  The Quarterdeck Ball is a formal dinner dance held at the beginning of Winter Quarter. The Ball is paid for using funds raised from Stadium Clean-up. The event fosters camaraderie throughout the
Battalion. The Anchor and Chain Committee works throughout the year to conceive, promote, and execute the event.

**Picnics and Socials** Picnics and socials are scheduled throughout the year. The purpose is to offer midshipmen of all classes an opportunity to meet informally with the Unit Staff and themselves.

**ACADEMIC SURVIVAL**

To ensure your success we provide a University tutor free of charge for calculus and physics. There are also a variety of other services available should you need help in a particular course or with general study skills. Some of these are:

- Tutoring by student organizations and honor societies
- Tutoring by upper-class midshipmen
- Tutoring by the University’s Learning Assistance Center
- Reading/Study Skills Improvement Center
- Test files of previous exams

**Studying Effectively.**

Everyone entering the NROTC Program has the ability to earn a college level degree. Some of you may have trouble adjusting to the University's methods of teaching and testing. There is a wealth of information available on campus and at the NROTC Unit concerning methods that have worked for other people.

Develop good study habits if you do not already have them. As a guideline for most students, a minimum of two hours of preparation is required for each hour you spend in class, 30 hours of preparation results in a minimum of 45 hours per week devoted solely to academic work. Hard work and judicious budgeting of your time are the best ways to ensure your success.

**Avoiding Course Overloads.**

The maximum number of credits an undergraduate student may take per quarter is 22 (we recommend 15-17 credits for your first quarter). You must consult your Navy advisor and college advisor before you commit to an overload. You will need permission from both to fill out the proper paper work.

Carefully choose your courses to assure that your academic, military and personal requirements are met without undue academic hardship. If you plan your course schedule properly, you will find many Naval Science credits counting toward graduation. Poor planning will cause frustration, wasted energy, excess work and will probably adversely affect your grade point average.

**CONCLUSION**

The NROTC staff at Ohio State is dedicated to developing high quality Naval and Marine Corps Officers. You are about to begin an exciting and challenging journey. You can be assured that you will have our full support and commitment. You are encouraged to remain focused and determined and to never lose sight of the noble and rewarding profession you have chosen to pursue.

**CONTACTS**

Campus Information .................................................................www.osu.edu

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"Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think I can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction - I served in the United States Navy.
- JFK