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BRCC**CO's Call**

Greetings! We started another school year and I could not be prouder of the SUNROTC Team's performance. The fantastic effort to generate interest in the program nearly doubled our enrollment. New Student Orientation was planned and executed flawlessly by the staff and Midshipmen trainers. We also received support from AMC (AW) McHargue from Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Thanks to everyone involved for getting this school year off to a great start.

Summer training was nothing short of phenomenal. Midshipmen attended the first ever Sea Trials – a new initiative designed to build proficiency in critical warfighting skills and evaluate the effectiveness of NROTC training. We also had navy option Midshipmen participate in aviation, surface, explosive ordnance disposal and submarine cruises, as well as, the first NROTC cruises on Yard Patrol craft at the Naval Academy. Marine options attended OCS and were able to participate in pre-deployment exercises with Marine Infantry Battalion 3/8. In summary, a very exciting and motivating summer.

We do hope you enjoy the content of the newsletter and reading about the events the Midshipmen are involved in. If you have any thoughts or ideas for items to include in our newsletter or would like to be added to our distribution list, please contact us. Our contact information is on page 5.

All the best!  
CAPT Dean Rawls

**Upcoming Events****OCTOBER**

- 13 OCT - NAVY BIRTHDAY
- 17 OCT - SU BLOOD DRIVE
- 19 OCT - NJROTC VISIT
- 15-19 OCT - CORPS WARS
- 20 OCT - CORPS OF CADETS TAILGATE
- 25 OCT - SUB CO VISIT
- 29 OCT - LSU MILITARY HISTORY RUN
- 19-21 OCT - USMC FEX

**NOVEMBER**

- 02 NOV - LSU SALUTES LUNCHEON AND DINNER
- 03 NOV - LSU SALUTES PARADE
- 10 NOV - USMC BIRTHDAY
- 11 NOV - MEMORIAL OAK GROVE
- 14 NOV - VIP VISIT REDEDICATION
- 24 NOV - BAYOU CLASSIC

**DECEMBER**

- 13 DEC - COMMISSIONING

**BNCO's Corner**

It feels as though the new semester has only just begun, yet the Battalion has already accomplished so much. The effort the Midshipmen are putting into the Unit is astounding! Every event that we do as a team shows me just how capable the Redstick Battalion is of thriving in its mission to develop officers ready for the fleet. The challenges we face individually and as a team work to forge us as leaders, the future of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. I have been impressed by the motivation, creative solutions and active participation from every member of this unit. The second half of the Fall Semester awaits us with exciting opportunities to show off the Redstick Battalion and I can't wait to see what our Unit brings to the table.

MIDN CAPT Renée Hill



## Jambalaya Cookout

What could be better than a hot bowl of authentic Louisiana Jambalaya as welcome back to school? The Cadets of the Old War Skule (COWS) graciously hosted an annual jambalaya cookout as a way to welcome all of the Cadets and Midshipmen back to school, and as always, the event was a major hit. The event provides an opportunity for all to socialize and to discuss upcoming unit events. A big thank you to the COWS for continuing the tradition.

MIDN 4/C Turner



## "Present, Colors!"

The Redstick Battalion Naval ROTC has been represented at every SU home football game by participating in a joint color guard for the pre-game ceremonies. As part of a collaborative effort with the SU Army ROTC, the crisp drill movements have been a game day highlight for all in attendance.

MIDN 3/C Bevens



## Bowling Night

On Friday, Sept 14th, 22 Midshipmen participated in the first social event of the year. The event was held at All Star Lanes in Baton Rouge, LA and allowed the Midshipmen to relieve stress from the daily academic grind. The event was also a good forum for the new Midshipmen to get to know some of the senior Midshipmen in the program. The event was a huge hit and a good time was had by all. The next scheduled social event will be a laser tag night. Stay tuned for the next newsletter to find out which class comes out on top!



MIDN 3/C Leger

## Service Academy Day

Service Academy day is an event sponsored by Louisiana's congressional offices, designed to educate high school students on our nation's military academies and ROTC programs. Each branch of service was represented and provided thorough instructions regarding the application process. High school students across the state participated, and the event proved to be a great recruiting opportunity for the Redstick Battalion. Our Midshipmen were able to talk with prospective applicants face to face and generate a lot of interest in our program. The amount of information exchanged at this event proved the need for increased discussion at the high school level about ROTC programs and the great opportunities they provide. Help us so we can help you! Reach out to family and friends who could benefit from these opportunities and send them to the Redstick Battalion! The future leaders of this great nation are out there. More information about the NROTC program can be found in the link: <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/index.html>

MIDN 1/C Hill



(Above: MIDN 2/C White speaks to NJROTC Cadets)

### West Feliciana NJROTC Visit

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, SUNROTC visited West Feliciana High School NJROTC in St. Francisville, LA. Community outreach to "Little Brother Units" is an important part of our growth as future naval officers. During these types of events the goal is to inspire the next generation of Midshipmen and future leaders of our great nation. A large portion of our Unit started in a Junior ROTC classroom just like the one we visited and we love the opportunity to give back to our roots. For some of the West Feliciana Cadets it was the first time finding out about all of the opportunities the Redstick Battalion has to offer. Our Midshipmen were able to sit down and get to know the Cadets after our presentation. These Cadets are highly motivated, hard-working, and incredibly well disciplined. There is definitely a future SUNROTC BNCO in that room!

MIDN 1/C Hernandez

### SU Stadium Cleanup

As part of Jaguar Nation, we spend our Saturdays in Mumford Stadium! We are either out on the field presenting the nation's colors with our color guard or in the stands cheering on our team. We spend a portion of our Sundays in the stadium, too. In an effort to show our support of both the team and the university, the Midshipmen decided to sign up to clean the stadium after game days. We utilize opportunities like this to build our comradery and strengthen our self-discipline. By inviting other organizations to help clean the stadium, we are developing a close knit relationship with other influential members of the university. Events like the Stadium Cleanups help us cement ourselves as a vital piece of our university and our community.

(MIDN 2/C Frank)

## Corps Remembrance Run

The 9/11 memorial run gave each Midshipman a chance to reflect on a critical event in our nation's history and promote camaraderie among all services. As one large formation the Navy, Army, and Air Force ROTCs ran a 3 mile route around the LSU campus, shouting cadences along the way as a way to showcase pride in our nation's heritage and to honor those who lost their lives on that fateful September morning in 2001. These types of activities also serve to call



attention to LSU's rich military heritage. Originally founded as a military academy and university in 1860, LSU alumni have participated in every major conflict since. Many are unaware, but the LSU parade ground, the start and end point for the run, is just one of many war memorials around the campus. Upon completing the run, the Midshipman Corps Commander, MIDN 1/C Jacob Holl, read aloud a few messages from passengers of United flight 93 to their loved ones moments before taking action to thwart the terrorists plan. The Redstick Battalion will never forget.

MIDN 2/C Mooney

### In Memory of LT Michael "Scotty" Lamana



LT Lamana was a casualty of the September 11th terrorist attacks while working at the Pentagon on the Chief of Naval Operations' staff. Lamana, born in Baton Rouge, was a 1988 graduate of Catholic High School. He graduated from LSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and commissioned as an Ensign in 1992 via the SUNROTC program before starting a career in Naval Aviation.

## Summer Cruise Highlights



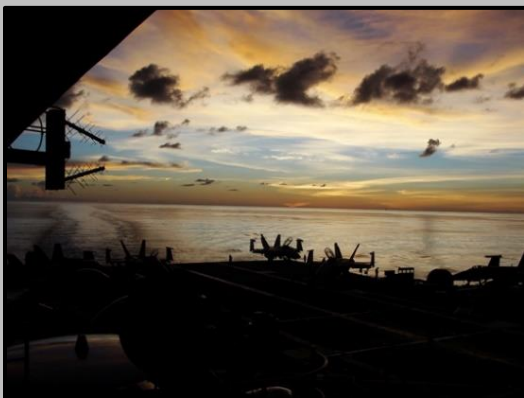
(Above) MIDN 1/C Hernandez in Lemoore, CA on his 1/C Summer Cruise flying in the F/A-18 with VFA-154 Black Knights



(Above) MIDN 2/C Frank at CORTRAMID West in San Diego, CA

(Above) MIDN 1/C Blackburn at the helm on his YP cruise

(Below) Pictures from summer cruise on board the USS John C Stennis (CVN-74)



The Redstick Battalion has some exciting new products that will soon be made available for purchase. Purchase forms will be sent out soon so please consider an item below to show your support and unit pride!



Unit Coin (front)



Unit Coin (back)



Unit Ball Cap



Unit Polo

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