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University of Notre Dame Naval ROTC

Spring Semester 2018
A Message from the CO

Battalion,

Congratulations on the successful completion of another academic year. I continue to be impressed by your accomplishments and involvement in the community.

The past semester was highlighted by an outstanding Naval Leadership Weekend (NLW), despite a government shutdown and significant snowstorm. The adaptive leadership demonstrated by the NLW staff, specifically MIDN 2/C Dale and Dikeman, was exemplary. Our Marine Option MIDN participated in a Bulldog prep event at Fort Custer, MI, as well as coordinating with the NDISC department for a Small Unit Leadership Exercise. Also, the 1/C MIDN held a fantastic evening of tradition and bonding during the annual Dining In.

Well done to the outstanding leadership demonstrated by the Senior Class through the year. I fully anticipate your success as you transition to the Fleet. Good luck to the incoming leadership from the Junior Class as you take over Battalion Operations. I look forward to a successful summer cruise period, and a safe return to campus for 2018-2019.

Stay safe, make good choices, and Go Irish, Go Navy, and God Bless the United States of America.

Captain Mark A. Prokopius, US Navy, Commanding Officer
The XO’s Corner

Put simply, the Midshipmen of Notre Dame and St. Mary’s had yet another impressive semester achieving outstanding milestones in each of their three main lines of effort; academics, physical fitness, and aptitude. This spring’s Presidential Pass in Review and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Awards Ceremony showcased the depth of our Battalion’s talent and was truly a testament of the dedication our students place towards academics, physical fitness, leadership, and followership – Bravo Zulu on a job well done this entire academic year!

Fair winds and following seas to our graduating seniors as they begin their exciting new naval careers. Reflect upon all the advice you received from your NROTC Advisors, Naval Leadership Weekend distinguished speakers, and previous summer cruise sponsors; get warfare qualified; and put into practice all those lessons learned you collected as a midshipmen. You now have a solid foundation to continue growing as an officer and to carry out our Navy’s global mission.

As we culminate the semester’s academics with finals next week, I encourage all our midshipmen to keep the “full-court press” through their last final exam, their last class project, and their last thesis paper. For those midshipmen returning to campus next academic year, please enjoy your well-earned summer break and take advantage of all the learning opportunities that will be presented to you while on summer cruise. Remember, the level of success of your summer cruise experience is directly proportionally to both the effort you extend preparing for and executing your summer cruise assignment. HONOR – COURAGAE – COMMITMENT.

Fly Navy! Go Irish!

Commander Chuck Dittbenner
What a great first year for me.

From the 4/C, I was excited to see your transformation from eager high school graduates at NSO. Through improved PT scores, countless volunteer work, and an overall increase in military bearing, I know that you are ready to assume the responsibility of molding next year’s freshman class.

From the 3/C, I was motivated by a group of men and women who have a bias for action. Although not all of you had leadership billets, many of you answered the call when a mission had to be accomplished. I am excited to see how your talents are exploited as juniors in the Fall.

From the 2/C, I was inspired by the cohesiveness and integrity of your class. In the midst of highly competitive billet interviews, each of you took every opportunity to build up your teammates and give them credit in any of your successes. I have many expectations for you next year, and one of those expectations is for you to exceed them.

From the 1/C, I was encouraged. You are now a part of the finest warfighting organization that the world has ever known, so congratulations on your upcoming commission. You will soon see that our storied battlefield successes are not the product of our officer planning, but of its execution by our Marines and Sailors. There may be others who are as prepared, but I truly believe there are none better prepared to lead these men and women than these 22 Ensigns. I will take it as a personal affront if you do not remain in touch with me.

Now, each of you is due for some well-deserved time off. Whether going on internships abroad, various summer cruises, or reporting to your first ship, remember that you represent both the left and right-hand side of your nametapes. Represent each of them well, and continue to march.

Semper Fidelis!

Captain Brockelmeyer, U.S. Marine Corps
BCO’s Words of Wisdom

Congratulations on completing another successful semester! Everyone should be extremely proud of what the Battalion has accomplished. Overall, the performance of the Battalion in physical fitness, academics, and community service has highlighted the strength, intelligence, and generosity of everyone here. Specifically, the NLW staff should be recognized yet again for pulling off an extremely impressive conference. Their dedication to ensuring that a year of hard work came to fruition was objectively impressive. My time here has left me absolutely sure that there is a special character to our unit. I wouldn’t have wanted to do NROTC anywhere else, and I hope that more semesters like this one will leave you with the same feeling by the end of your senior year.

Remember that your time here should be focused, above all else, on preparation for leadership in the fleet. Every semester is a fresh start to make the improvements you want to see to your character and your habits. Everyday is an opportunity to take small steps in the direction of becoming a naval or Marine Corps officer that sailors or marines will want to be led by. That means remembering to take care of yourselves and your classmates around you.

To be in this unit is a tremendous opportunity, and one that I am extremely grateful to have received. That gratitude is owed to all of you as my shipmates, in addition to our excellent officers. I hope that you can enjoy the time that you have left here (and don’t forget to get everything that you can out of your time at the University). I sincerely look forward to hearing about how the battalion is doing once this group of 1/C hands over the keys, and I look forward to seeing you all in the fleet again very soon. Thank you for all the hard work that you put into the last fifteen weeks, and good luck in your next year.

MIDN 1/C Maloney Foster, BCO
Naval Leadership Weekend

The University of Notre Dame Naval ROTC hosted its 23rd annual Naval Leadership Weekend (NLW) from Feb. 8-11 in order to promote professional leadership development of midshipmen from around the country. Nearly 250 midshipmen from 42 different universities were in attendance this year. The premiere ROTC conference, which has its registration entirely fill up within an hour this year, attracts midshipmen from across the country who are excited to be there and learn about leading. This year’s conference took the theme of “One Team, One Fight,” and emphasized the joint efforts taken by the United States Navy and Marine Corps to protect our country. NLW is unique because it is fully planned and operated by midshipmen; all logistics from lodging to speakers to meals to transportation are coordinated by a team of midshipmen.

This weekend was different from the previous Naval Leadership Weekends, though, because of a short government shutdown that caused high profile Navy and Marine Corps leaders to have to cancel their trips to South Bend, IN and a large snowfall that delayed travels of midshipmen. Due to this, the midshipmen team in charge of NLW had to work hard and fast to find other speakers to fill the spaces of the speakers who could no longer attend. Ironically, one underlying leadership theme continually reinforced during the conference and also the one thing that allowed the conference to keep on despite shutdowns and snowstorms was communication.

Midshipman 2nd Class Courtney Dale, a junior at the University of Notre Dame and one of the main coordinators of the weekend, learned a lot during the year of planning. “Since last April, we have worked tirelessly to plan Naval Leadership Weekend 2018. Our hard work and dedication paid off when despite the government shutdown and a severe blizzard we were still able to gather sever extremely qualified speakers as well as five junior officers to speak to our attendees. We were able to rely on our planning and execute a flawless conference. I am incredibly proud of the entire NLW team,” Dale said.

Fortunately, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Steven Giordano, was able to come to NLW to impart his wisdom regarding leadership as the first speaker at the conference. Following MCPON was Tom Schreier, a businessman and Notre Dame professor who has held several top positions in large companies such as Northwest Airlines and Credit Suisse First Boston. The final speaker of the day was retired Sergeant Major Donna Dunbar who delivered an exciting and motivating speech. The final event of NLW Friday was a junior officer panel consisting of officers from communities across the Navy and Marine Corps. Midshipmen got the opportunity to ask leadership and community related questions.

Midshipman 2nd Class Hailey Dikeman, a junior at the University of Notre Dame and the other main coordinator of the weekend had the following to say about the JO panel. “It amazes me that, every year, we have junior officers from across the country pay for their own flights and accommodations for the opportunity to speak at NLW. They truly recognize how important it is for them to share the challenges and successes that have characterized their career and this year’s panel of junior officers did an amazing job doing just that.”
Naval Leadership Weekend (cont.)

Saturday of NLW began with a speech on small unit leadership from retired infantry officer and Notre Dame Marine Officer Instructor, Major Regan Jones. Following this speech was Notre Dame Professor and Keurig co-founder, Chris Stevens. The next speaker was South Bend Mayor and Naval Reserve Officer, Pete Buttigieg. During his time in office, Mayor Pete has transformed South Bend, Indiana from a dying city to a city on the rise. Naval Leadership Weekend came to a close on Saturday with a dinner and keynote address from Notre Dame Professor, Lawrence Greenspun. Before the address, the midshipman got to mingle and interact with various active duty officers during the cocktail hour as well as dinner. This interaction provided a more individualized yet professional way in which to learn from the many experienced officers present throughout the weekend. Following dinner, Professor Greenspun delivered an inspirational speech about leadership.

At the end of the weekend, midshipmen left to return to their home units inspired with new ideas on what leadership means. Midshipman 3rd Class Cody Ketchem, a sophomore at the University of California Los Angeles, was in attendance at the 23rd Annual Naval Leadership Weekend. After returning to his unit in California, he stated that, “The wealth of experience and knowledge that the speakers had at the Naval Leadership Conference is unparalleled. Their ability to convey the lessons they learned over their extensive careers will help all who attended to be better leaders in their units, and eventually, to be better leaders for their respective Sailors and Marines upon commissioning.” It is promising and exciting to see the commitment that speakers put into forming future leaders for the Navy and Marine Corps team.

-MIDN 3/C Culligan
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Bengal Bouts and Baraka Bouts

The Bengal and Baraka Bouts of Notre Dame are a unique tradition not found at other colleges in the United States. The Baraka Bouts, for female students, were founded in 1997 and raise money for Holy Cross missions in East Africa. The Bengal Bouts, for male students, were founded in 1931 and raise money for Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. Students without any prior boxing experience can join the clubs, learn to box, and raise money for a great cause. Navy ROTC has a proud tradition of midshipmen participating in the bouts, and this year was no different. Seven midshipmen fought in the bouts this past season, with one mid advancing all the way to the finals.

Midshipman 3/C Delany Bolton was the lone fighter for NROTC in the Baraka Bouts this season. She followed up her dominant performance in last year’s bouts by winning her quarterfinal and semifinal matches by unanimous decisions. In her championship match, she narrowly lost a split-decision verdict to a senior fighter. Midshipman Bolton’s high-energy performances in the Baraka Bouts were a standout in the overall tournament.

Six male midshipmen participated in Bengal Bouts this season. Three 4/C midshipmen participated, including Dan Moran, Steve Johnston, and Evan Muller. Johnston and Moran both lost in their opening round fights through unanimous decisions. Muller won huge upsets in his first round and quarterfinal matches by unanimous and split decisions (respectively), before ultimately falling in his semifinal match by a unanimous decision to a senior dormmate. Two 3/C midshipmen, Pat Rafferty and Matt Cyrs, represented the Sophomore class. Cyrs lost a tight first-round match to a split decision, while Rafferty won his first round fight via unanimous decision. Rafferty lost his quarterfinal fight through a unanimous decision to a senior fighter. Last, but not least, Midshipman 2/C Mike Doherty was the only representative for the upperclassmen of the battalion. Despite a valiant effort, Doherty’s first round fight was ended early due to a referee stopped due to an injury.

While the NROTC battalion was unable to claim a championship in either the Baraka or Bengal bouts this season, strong performances, especially from Midshipmen 4/C Muller and 3/C Bolton, have the unit hopeful for a championship during next year’s bouts. All the midshipmen who participated in the bouts contributed to a worthy cause for those less fortunate. As the motto of the bouts says, “Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished,” and our midshipmen certainly lived up to that motto.

-MIDN 2/C Yelich
Junior Parents Weekend

Junior Parents Weekend (JPW) at Notre Dame is a time-honored tradition that parents and students look forward to since the first day of freshman year. JPW 2018 took place from 16-18 February, and it was jam-packed of events and memories which will be remembered for a long time. The weekend kicked on Friday, as the Opening Gala invited the parents and students to the newly completed Duncan Student Center, or the ‘DuStu,’ as the students call it. The evening consisted of music, dancing, food, drinks, and countless students being embarrassed by their parents on the dance floor in the Dahnke Ballroom.

On Saturday, parents had the opportunity to visit open houses for their student's academic major, which included the opportunity to learn about research projects, and to meet the faculty members who have been educating their sons and daughters for the past 5 semesters. In addition, the residence halls had open houses, allowing parents to meet with the rectors, assistant rectors, and residence assistants that share the dorm with their child. Naval ROTC hosted a social hour, giving parents the chance to meet the officers tasked with preparing their sons and daughters to become commissioned officers, and lead sailors in the fleet. CAPT Prokopius, LT Miller, and LT Malherek were all on hand to meet the parents and give insight on the various aspects of NROTC that their students experienced on a weekly basis. Parents enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about drill, PT, and general officer training.

The main event of JPW was the President's Dinner, hosted in the north dome of the Joyce Center on Saturday night. A delicious meal was served, and the president of Notre Dame, Father John Jenkins (CSC), addressed the crowd. His moving speech covered his favorite spots on the Notre Dame campus and some thoughts about life in general, relationships, and the meaning of family.

Overall, Junior Parents Weekend was a memorable time for the parents and students, as the students were able to show their parents what life is truly like at Notre Dame (outside of a football weekend) and why they have come to love their school so much.

-MIDN 2/C Yelich
During the weekend of 16 FEB, while the rest of campus succumbed to the hoopla of Junior Parents Weekend, over twenty NROTC Notre Dame midshipmen, Air Force, and Army cadets attended the Father Corby ROTC Senior Retreat just across the lake at Moreau Seminary. The 24-hour retreat started Friday evening and provided the seniors an opportunity to both take a moment in reflecting back on their college careers and also to continue mental and spiritual preparation for their upcoming commissioning. Time for quiet prayer and thought were accompanied by an officer panel, socializing, and even a game or two of camaraderie-building dodgeball! MIDN 1/C Lizzie Cannon highlighted the importance of immersion in a retreat setting during a busy college semester, "I really enjoyed spending time with my fellow MIDN and also cadets from Army and Air Force ROTC - and it was so worthwhile to talk with the cadre about living a faith-filled life while also holding command and being a good leader for your sailors!" Thank you to Father Rocca and AFROTC 1/C James Marvin for dedicating their time to and expertly coordinating such a wonderful event!

-MIDN 1/C Kelly
Flyin’ Irish Basketball Tournament

From March 2 to March 4, 2018, the University of Notre Dame Air Force ROTC hosted their 32nd Annual Flyin’ Irish Basketball Tournament. The tournament brings together men’s, women’s and combined teams of both cadets and midshipmen from around the country. More than 500 players from over 50 different colleges make the journey to South Bend, Indiana every year for the basketball tournament. This year, the Notre Dame Naval ROTC Unit fielded three teams: a men's Navy team, a women's tri-mil team, and a men's and women’s combined “Navy scrapper” team.

During tournament pool play, the men’s team went 2-1, which was good enough to move into tournament play. Unfortunately, the team was eliminated in their first game after losing to the eventual tournament champions. The women’s tri-mil team also went 2-1 during pool play; however, they did not move onto the tournament play round. The Navy scrappers went 0-3 in pool play, but played with great heart and passion.

The men’s and women’s teams prepared for this year’s tournament with weekly practices. It is evident that their efforts paid off this year as shown by their much improved play and records from last year. MIDN 3/C Breslin who coached the men’s team had great things to say about the team’s effort and success this year. MIDN 4/C Yusko was even awarded Midshipman of the Week for being the MVP of the men’s team. Both teams are excited for the prospects of next year’s tournament.

-MIDN 3/C Culligan
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Dining In Ceremony

On 2 MAR the active duty staff and 1/C midshipmen of NROTC Notre Dame gathered in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall for the annual dining-in, a traditional night for camaraderie and esprit de corps. Dining-ins are events steeped in history, with much of the night's protocol dating back to the 17th century. CAPT Mark Prokopius, Commanding Officer of NROTC Notre Dame, served in the role of President, working with MIDN Kelly as Mr. Vice to oversee the professionalism of the mess. As violations of the mess were recorded, offending midshipmen were sent to the head table to fulfill various punishments for their heinous crimes as deemed fit by Mr. Vice and the President; for example, MIDN Plofchan entertained the officer table having to sing and dance to Miley Cyrus's "Party in the USA" as a result of her utter disregard for mess rules, starting in on her salad course before the President had done so. The guest of honor, Capt. Rory Kelly, USMC, took time to offer thoughts on his experiences regarding peer leadership and team chemistry. Capt. Kelly stressed that there will frequently be situations early in the career of a Junior Officer to which solutions cannot be found in a manual, and highlighted the importance of relationship-building in these circumstances. Following Capt. Kelly's insight, formal toasts were made to the United States Navy and the Marine Corps and the night closed with cigars on the steps of South Dining Hall. Congratulations and warm thanks to MIDN Bowers and the event team for commandeering a memorable night!

-MIDN 1/C Kelly
Jocko Willink Visit

Jocko Willink, a popular TED Talk presenter and a former Navy SEAL, addressed the battalion on a number of important issues addressing the United States as a whole and the audience as future Naval officers. Even though he has lived an extraordinary life leading the finest special forces teams in the world, he focused on lessons that he learned rather than his amazing story. One such lesson, even though mundane, is to get up early in the morning. By beating the rest of the crowd out of bed, he revealed to us that he accomplishes something early every single day and can get a head start on important work. Working out is another necessity for Jocko and he stressed that maintaining physical fitness has lifelong mental and physical benefits.

He also presented his unique perspective in the Navy as a mustang officer, someone who joined the SEALs as an enlisted sailor but became an officer later. He confirmed what we had learned in our Naval Leadership classes -- to rely on the expertise of our chiefs and senior enlisted personnel who have been working for far longer than junior officers. Wearing the gold of an officer does not earn respect; only an officer's actions can really win him or her honor in the eyes of the enlisted.

Jocko also mentioned the importance of playing to one's strengths as an officer. For example he told us a story about a young officer he was instructing who simply could not yell loud enough to execute battlefield orders. By relaying his message to loud enlisted men however, his message got across successfully. By knowing one's strengths and weaknesses, an officer can achieve great things in the United States Navy.

-MIDN 4/C Donnelly
Run Forrest Run 5k

On the cold morning of 24 March 2018, hundreds of runners lined up for the fourth annual Run Forrest Run 5/10k to “run for the real LT Dans” (a reference to actor Gary Sinise’s wounded Army Lieutenant in the 1994 film Forrest Gump). Cohosted by AAS, ATLAS and TNS, this event is set up annually to benefit the Gary Sinise Foundation. This foundation serves the nation by “honoring our defenders, veterans, first responders, their families and those in need.” This run therefore has the goal of bringing the Notre Dame community together to benefit this foundation’s work.

After being educated about the foundation, runners were ready to show gratitude to our nation’s defenders. The race then began its scenic 5k loop starting in front of football stadium, looping around Jordan hall of Science, around Saint Mary’s lake, and going behind the Rock, Recker’s, and the Dome to finish in front of the stadium. And despite the cold temperatures, participants still saw the value in volunteering and running the race. As 3/C Michael Terranova stated, “It was really special to volunteer for the Run Forrest Run and to see NROTC have such a big presence at the event. With over $20,000 raised it's impressive to see how big of a difference the run will make in the lives of veterans through the foundation, and none of it would've been possible if not for a lot of hard work from every branch of ROTC and many other organizations at Notre Dame" 

Overall, this race was a great success thanks to the ROTC midshipmen, cadets, University volunteers, and Gary Sinise Foundation involvement. Midshipmen and other volunteers came together starting in the very early morning and volunteered all day to run this event. Their efforts made this event a resounding success and a wonderful tribute to the men and women it honored.

-MIDN 3/C Cameron
The Holy Half Marathon

The Holy Half Marathon, run annually by Notre Dame students, has become one of the university’s most well-known and best loved traditions. The race was begun fourteen years ago by a small group of students wishing to raise money for Hurricane Katrina relief. In the years since, it has evolved drastically, changing in both scope and purpose. While the first race featured only eighty runners, the field has now expanded to include almost two thousand runners. The Holy Half has also shifted its focus to the local community. One hundred percent of the proceeds now go towards improving the city of South Bend and bettering the Notre Dame community. This year, the Holy Half focused its relief efforts instead on Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico in light of the recent tragedies there. The NROTC battalion always has a strong presence in the race, and this year was no exception. All battalion runners finished the race, and made our organization proud with their exceptional efforts and strong showing. Bravo Zulu!!!

-MIDN 3/C Cyrs
Midshipmen Attend Conferences

Notre Dame midshipmen had the wonderful opportunity to attend three different conferences at other schools this semester. The first conference was the Naval Academy Leadership Conference (NALC) which took place from 21 January to 23 January; MIDN 3/C Jones and Slattery were lucky enough to attend. The theme of the conference was “Breaking Barriers: Obstacles are Opportunities.” There were many high visibility speakers and panelists in attendance, including The Honorable Dick Cheney, The Honorable Madeleine Albright, Gen. James Conway, USMC, and Chuck Todd. After returning, MIDN Jones said, “MIDN Slattery and I were honored to be able to attend the conference and hear from some of the great leaders of our nation. The lessons we learned are truly invaluable, and will be utilized in our future careers as Naval Officers.”

The next conference that was attended by Notre Dame midshipman was the University of Michigan’s Women in Naval Service Symposium (WiNS) from 24 March to 24 March. MIDN 1/C Cannon and Baglini were fortunate to attend this conference with many other female (and some male) midshipmen from around the country. The Symposium consisted of Junior Officer panels, break-out sessions, round-table discussions, a presentation from RADM Sara Joyner (the Navy's first woman "CAG"), and keynote speaker Lisa Mininni. The Notre Dame ladies left the conference inspired and with some possible roommate options for after graduation.

Finally, MIDN 3/C Breslin and Halloran had the chance to go to the Naval Academy to attend the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC). This conference, which lasted from 10 April to 12 April focused around the theme of, “Guarding Liberty in a World of Democratic Undoing). The conference consisted of several panels along with round table discussions surrounding different foreign affairs that attendees researched and wrote about ahead of time. After returning from the Naval Academy, MIDN Breslin said, “It was a great opportunity to interact with other students, both civilian and military, from around the US and world and discuss the issues affecting the resilience of democracies. One important thing we discussed was the threat that technology improvements pose to the foundation of democracy, which is the discussion and debate of ideas for the society.”

-MIDN 3/C Culligan
On 18 April, midshipmen and cadets of the University of Notre Dame's Tri-Military Command participated in the annual Presidential Pass in Review ceremony. The inspecting officer was the President of the University of Notre Dame, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., and the Tri-Military Commanding Officer was CAPT Mark A. Prokopius. Due to inclement weather, this year's ceremony took place in Stepan Center so no marching took place. As the final main event of the 2017-2018 year, the culminating event showcased the hard work and accomplishments of all cadets and midshipmen. Notably, seven senior midshipmen were honored during the ceremony for their special dedication to NROTC by being presented with officer swords. In a short speech given by Fr. Jenkins, he mentioned that midshipmen and cadets should take the values learned at Notre Dame with them into the world. He went on to say, “It’s almost become a motto here at this institution. What it says is that our lives should be more than about ourselves. It should be about service to God, to country, to our University." The ceremony concluded with a benediction by Fr. Rocca.

-MIDN 3/C Culligan
Change of Command

On the afternoon of 25 April 2018, several members of the Battalion received awards to commemorate their successful year in the unit. Then the duties and roles in the battalion shifted from MIDN 1/C Maloney Foster to MIDN 2/C Hailey Dikeman. This change in leadership was presided over by the Commanding Officer, Captain Mark A. Prokopius. He facilitated the ceremony that is steeped in years of naval tradition. This ceremony started with an invocation from MIDN 2/C Courtney Dale. Then after announcing all members of the retiring Battalion leadership, Foster delivered his final speech as outgoing BCO. After congratulating everyone on a successful semester, MIDN 3/C Hunter Mortemore stepped forward to present the battalion colors to the outgoing BCO for them to be passed to the incoming BCO.

Before the turnover was officially completed, Captain Prokopius praised the spring semester's leadership in its ability to lead the unit to all its successes. The spring leadership was able to bring a positive change in the battalion and Prokopius commended them for it. After the positive words from Prokopius, MIDN 2/C Hailey Dikeman stepped forward to say her plan moving into next year. Her goals and expectations were outlined for the upcoming semester; focusing on the small things and making sure those things are done right so the big things can fall into place. She showed her excitement and readiness to start her duties and roles as the Fall 2018 Battalion Commanding Officer. Then after a benediction from MIDN 2/C Courtney Dale, the Spring 2018 Change of Command ceremony came to a close.

-MIDN 3/C Cameron
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