Battalion,

Congratulations on the successful completion of another academic semester. Since I last wrote, we completed our summer training requirements, to include the first New Student Indoctrination for the incoming 4/C at Great Lakes as well as our first Battalion Reconstitution. I am very pleased with how the incoming 4/C quickly and seamlessly integrated into the Battalion. Thanks to the MIDN leadership and Staff that provided a successful and safe training environment for our new and returning MIDN.

Congratulations to the MIDN 1/C on your Service Assignments – this marks a significant step in your future Naval careers. While I understand that some of you were not assigned your first or second choice, I am confident you will succeed in any field.

We also held a very successful and entertaining Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball, with an outstanding keynote address from VADM Mat Winter (ret, ND ’84). I ask you to reflect on his words as you continue forward both here at Notre Dame and in the Fleet.

Kudos to MIDN Bolton on her great success in Baraka bouts – she represented the Navy admirably. Well done to the Big Six leaders for this semester and good luck to next semester’s leaders – I look forward to our continued success as a Battalion. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the continued success of the Navy Flag Football Team – 2-0 with wins over both Army and Air Force! On the way to defending the Commander’s Cup!

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
Congratulations on a fantastic fall semester! The past eight months were not only challenging and exciting, but they also flew by! This time last year I was in Bremerton, WA, “chomping at the bit” to leave the shipyard and embark on my dream job here at Notre Dame. It truly has lived up to every expectation and then some.

In April, I was welcomed with open arms by the Battalion and Staff and I couldn’t have picked a better group of people to work with. I am blessed and privileged to work with the Navy’s finest active duty and civilian employees! In May, I was awestruck at the class of 2019’s commissioning ceremony and although I had just met our seniors, I was beaming with pride as they walked across the stage. I can only imagine how I’ll feel to see the rest of you on your commissioning and graduation day. In September I discovered the joy of teaching and getting to know our 3/C Midshipmen. It’s been a rewarding experience and will no doubt be a highlight of my Naval career.

Needless to say, on a daily basis I am continuously impressed by the Battalion’s overall drive and commitment to the Navy and Marine Corps team. I am also awe-struck with your ability to manage the demanding curriculum here at Notre Dame on top of your extracurricular activities. My hats off to you… keep up the good work and continue to make the most of your experience here at Notre Dame.

FLY NAVY! GO IRISH!

Commander Jason D. Thompson, US Navy, Executive Officer
As we finish another semester, I would like to take the opportunity to share some thoughts with you.

First, I continue to be impressed with the enthusiasm you bring to the unit. Whether in academics, extracurriculars, or volunteer events, you represent yourselves and the University well.

I also want to thank each of you. The road to graduating and commissioning is not an easy one; however, I am constantly witnessing examples of esprit de corps within our Battalion. Some of you have taken the time to PT with other midshipmen who need assistance, while others of you have volunteered your time in tutoring, ride sharing, or any number of selfless acts for the betterment of your peers. Understand that when we make a midshipman stronger, we make the unit stronger. These principles will apply in the Fleet with your Sailors and Marines, especially when we add complexities such as deployments or family matters into the mix. I say this to remind you that everything you do here, as a midshipman, has a direct correlation to the skillsets you will need in the Fleet. Do not get wrapped up in the "isms" of NROTC; you will see academic challenges, early mornings, work / life balances, recurring training, and seemingly invasive restrictions throughout the rest of your military career. And what's more -- you will not only execute them, you will be charged to enforce them.

So as this semester closes, I remain proud and encouraged by your performance. Take some time to reflect on your successes and necessary improvements over the break, and be safe. There are platoons, sections, and divisions waiting for their future Ensign or Second Lieutenant to lead them.

Continue to march, and Semper Fidelis!

Captain Cody Brockelmeyer, US Marine Corps, Marine Officer Instructor
Warriors,

Congratulations on the completion of another outstanding semester as Midshipmen here at Notre Dame. Your consistent effort, constant strive for excellence, and perseverance in the face of all that is asked of you is outstanding. Every member of the Battalion, from the leadership down to the new 4/C, should be proud of the work you put in this semester and the things that you accomplished.

Reflecting on this semester, I think we have made a lot of progress as a Battalion. The Midshipmen leadership set clear goals to increase discipline and renew the unit’s focus on building warriors who can go to the fleet and perform as leaders. We have taken great strides toward that goal. From Battalion Reconstitution to now, we have seen more accountability, focus, and motivation from Midshipmen across our ranks. Each and every member of the unit has shown leadership and fortitude in pushing themselves and their peers to be better every day. I commend each and every one of you for taking those steps in this new direction with your leadership.

Beyond those goals, we have seen much success elsewhere this semester. A new push for close-order drill practice has seen every platoon improve in that area. More freedom at Wednesday drill has allowed us to get greater insight into the communities we want to join and to come together as companies more regularly. Hundreds of hours of service by our Midshipmen have made a strong impact in our community. We had a successful ball, spoke to the Secretary of the Navy, made new efforts to garner interest in what we do on campus, and moved forward in preparation for Navy Leader Ship Weekend 2020. Great work to every single Midshipman who gave their time and energy to make these efforts a success.

While we should be proud of ourselves for the successes we have had this semester, we should never stop looking forward. Do not forget the weight that you hold on your shoulders as you march steadily toward commissioning. In the near future every one of you will look Sailors or Marines in the eye and have to meet their expectations of leadership. They are warriors and they will need a warrior to lead them, from the front, into battle. MCDP 1 says that the greatest resource leaders expend in war is human lives, and those lives are soon to be your responsibility. Take that seriously and utilize the chance you have now to prepare for that awesome duty.

Congratulations again on your outstanding work this semester. Keep in mind the lessons learned and keep moving forward. The fight is never over.

Semper Fidelis,

MIDN 1/C Hunter Mortemore, USMCR
Battalion Commanding Officer
This summer, Midshipmen from the Battalion attended various forms of summer training across the country and the world. The 3/C Midshipmen were sent to the east and west coast fleet concentration areas of the Navy for their Career Oriented Training for Midshipmen (CORTRAMID). Located in Norfolk and San Diego, these Midshipmen spent 4 weeks gaining an understanding and knowledge of our naval services. Each week the Midshipmen spent time with the different service communities: Surface Warfare, Submarines, Aviation, and the Marine Corps. This experience is invaluable in helping the Midshipmen develop their career interests and to discern where they would like to spend their future years working as part of our Navy Combat Team.

The 2/C Midshipmen spent their summer cruises with enlisted running mates throughout the Surface Warfare and Submarine communities. Through this cruise these Midshipmen were able to glean a more in depth and focused look at what life in the Navy will be like for the average sailor. This cruise was also incredibly helpful for the Midshipmen to learn firsthand from the enlisted sailors they will one day lead what the qualities of a good officer are. Regarding his submarine cruise, MIDN 2/C Bindel said “the 2/C cruise gave [him] a new appreciation for enlisted sailors. Getting to see how they operate day to day gave me a new perspective on effective leadership as an officer.”

On their 1/C Cruise, Midshipmen were granted the incredible opportunity to spend time in the service community into which they hope to commission. Midshipmen from Notre Dame were sent off to ships, squadrons, and submarines all over the world. MIDN 1/C O’Connor was even sent on a foreign exchange cruise with the Greek Navy! MIDN O’Connor worked with sailors from the UK, Romania, Egypt, Italy, Montenegro, Jordan and of course, Greece. Commenting on his experience, MIDN O’Connor said “it was fascinating to see how much more we have in common than [he] thought we would.”

This summer also held a life changing milestone for the 1/C Marine Option Midshipmen, as they attended and graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia. Through graduating OCS, these Midshipmen officially earned the title of US Marine and were awarded their coveted Eagle, Globe and Anchor. MIDN 1/C Lee said that “OCS was mentally and physically challenging. I learned a great deal about myself and my leadership style over my 6 weeks on Brown Field. I was stressed out, constantly on my feet, and always tired, but every trial was worth the moment I was given my eagle, globe and anchor. I’m sure every Marine who has ever gone through OCS would agree that once you are welcomed into the Marine Corps family, all of the hard and difficult moments become worth it.”

Bravo Zulu to our Battalion’s Marines and all the other 1/C Midshipmen who have accomplished much this summer and through their time at Our Lady’s University!

- MIDN 1/C Jones
The Battalion Reconstitution Stand-down took place in order to welcome the Midshipmen back to campus and prepare them for the exciting semester ahead. After moving in, the members of the battalion formed up for the first time on McCourtney Quad. The fourth class Midshipmen were introduced to the Midshipmen leadership and the active duty staff, who shared their expectations for the semester. Battalion Commanding Officer (BCO), MIDN 1/C Mortemore, explained his goals of instilling a “warrior mindset” in each Midshipman. The Battalion Reconstitution Stand-down was the first step in integrating the 4/C into the Battalion and preparing them for the new school year.

The next morning, the Midshipmen gathered at the Harris Family Track for the inventory Physical Readiness Test (PRT) before transitioning to the Eck Center for several briefs. Father Rocca, the ROTC Chaplain, spoke about the military’s connection to Notre Dame during World War II and the significance of the Holy Cross emblem. Captain Prokopius inspired the Battalion with his goals for the semester, which include defending the Commander’s Cup title. These briefs set the standard for each Midshipman this semester.

In the afternoon, the battalion transitioned to McGlinn Fields for the Field Meet, which consisted of friendly competition between the companies. The events included a running relay race, a burpee suicide relay, an AMRAP competition of sit-ups, push-ups, squads, lunges, and burpees, a Combat Fitness Test, and a tug of war. A bonus plank competition occurred between the company commanders. MIDN 1/C Feeley of Bravo Company defeated his opponents and led his company to victory, as Bravo Company took first place overall in the field meet. The Field Meet helped foster camaraderie between the company members, as they cheered on their fellow Midshipmen. The battalion concluded the day with a Barbeque and a trip to a South Bend Cubs baseball game, where the upperclassmen were able to bond with the new fourth class.

On the last day, the battalion met for the Medal of Honor Run. The Midshipmen ran with their platoons and stopped at various locations on campus, including the Reflecting Pool, the Dome, and the Grotto. At each location, they listened to a citation of a Medal of Honor Recipient. These citations allowed the Midshipmen to appreciate the heroism of the leaders who served before us.

After a successful Battalion Reconstitution, the Midshipmen were ready to tackle the challenges to come throughout the school year. They were reminded to take these challenges with a “warrior mindset” and hold themselves to a high standard. The Battalion Reconstitution set the tone for the expectations this semester while allowing the Midshipmen to build camaraderie.

- MIDN 3/C La Sala
Freshmen from the Notre Dame Navy, Army, and Air Force ROTC units embarked on Moreau Seminary to take part in the annual Freshmen retreat. The retreat consisted of a 24-hour program designed to help ROTC Freshmen explore ways they can maintain and strengthen their faith in college and in the military. The retreat was planned and executed by a group of upperclassmen from the tri-military units under guidance of ROTC chaplain Father Rocca.

After gathering at the Grotto, retreat attendees walked around St. Joseph’s Lake to check into their rooms for the night. Once settled, everyone was called to the courtyard for ice breaker games in randomized groups. These games blended members of the three units and ensured that everyone felt comfortable for the experiences ahead. “It was really cool to get to meet people from the other branches,” MIDN 4/C Madeline Holl said.

For the remainder of the retreat, attendees would circle back to the same small groups for various activities. Following dinner, the group gathered in the seminary theater to craft and perform skits about common experiences they have had since arriving to their respective units. Themes included meeting your roommate, uniform inspection, and physical training (PT). The groups performed, and immediately after, the upper-class leaders voted for the best skit. The skit themed “Welcome Weekend” was victorious, stirring up laughs over their references to serenades, learning about parietals, and of course meeting new people at DomerFest. The skits were an exciting opportunity for retreat attendees to unwind and reflect on all of the changes and experiences they had gone through in the few weeks prior.

The rest of the day was filled with discussions based on the lives of Midshipmen and Cadets at Notre Dame and how they practice their faith. The discussions were led by upperclassmen and priests from the Moreau Seminary. Among the leaders was Father Rocca, the chaplain of the Notre Dame ROTC units. The evening concluded with prayer, adoration, and Reconciliation in the seminary's chapel. Afterwards, the freshmen were able to go back to their rooms and socialize. The evening consisted of laughs, board games, card games, and a basketball game.

The next morning started off with breakfast followed by small group discussions about community at Notre Dame and how the Midshipmen and Cadets could get involved. The upper class Cadets and Midshipmen talked about their involvement in the student community and how they found their place on campus. This introduced the 4/C Midshipmen to different organizations that they can get involved with during their time at Notre Dame including campus ministry, interhall sports, and community service opportunities.

The morning ended with the traditional dodgeball match between the three ROTC branches, including the upperclassmen staff, ending with another Navy victory against the other two teams. One of the final events of the retreat was a panel discussion with officers from the cadre and staff of all the ROTC branches. Each shared his or her experiences as an officer, as well as how his or her faith impacted his or her military career. The retreat ended with a mass celebrated by Father Rocca, in which each Cadet and Midshipman received a blessed medallion of St. Michael. After the mass, the Midshipmen and Cadets returned to campus, feeling refreshed and ready for the rest of the semester.

- MIDN 4/C Millman & MIDN 4/C Scheetz
From 1800 on Friday to 1800 on Saturday, a pair of Midshipmen ran around campus for the Trident Naval Society’s 24-hour run. The two midshipmen, one dressed in a shark costume and the other carrying a trident, would run for an hour, raising awareness and collecting donations for the Saint Joseph County Special Olympics. Despite the gray October sky and rainy weather, the Midshipmen persisted and the unit’s tent, located in the picnic area between Clarke Memorial Fountain and Lafortune Student Center, was a lively, fun place to be. A host of Midshipmen accepted donations from passersby and handled more of the administrative work from the home base of the run. This year’s Midshipmen maximized donations by visiting different events to ask the larger crowds for donations. Midshipmen ran through Eddy Street restaurants, Duncan and Lafortune Student Centers, and dorms looking to maximize engagement on campus.

It was easy to find big groups of people because they came together at events like the Friday night pep rally, hockey, soccer and volleyball games, and tailgating before the big football game against USC. This year’s 24-hour run could not have been at a better time because USC is the biggest home game of the year and as a night game, allowed better time windows for running and tailgating donations. The USC fans were even asked for donations because, according to MIDN 4/C Cella, “The run is more than USC versus Notre Dame, it’s for the kids!” TNS gave donors every opportunity to donate through cash, Venmo, and Paypal. The run raised almost $5000 this year for the children of Special Olympics and highlighted the battalion's commitment not only to developing leaders in our military but also to serving those in our community. No Midshipman was more dedicated to the run than MIDN 2/C Tanaka, the TNS squad leader, who organized the run and spent many hours at the booth collecting donations and keeping the event going. Overall, the Trident Naval Society’s community service event was a big hit and a great way to support the Saint Joseph County Special Olympics.

- MIDN 4/C Fangman
Bypassers turn their heads as the Battalion is called to attention on McCourtney quad, accountability is taken and the platoons march toward Jordan Hall of Science. This routine takes place every Wednesday night as every member of the Battalion come together for the weekly drill period. Drill provides a time for Midshipmen to listen to speakers, share announcements, receive military training, and organize for the week to come in addition to practicing close order drill. This period is an essential part of the NROTC program.

This semester, guest speakers have ranged from CAPT Robert Francis — a nuclear Surface Warfare Officer currently serving as the Deputy Commodore of Destroyer Squadron 23 — to representatives from various university organizations. These speakers educate midshipmen on things like resources available to them on campus and opportunities for them in the fleet. These speakers provide an outside perspective as to what members of the Battalion might experience upon commissioning. For example, CAPT Bradley Terry, Commanding Officer of the USS Michigan (SSGN 727), and two of his junior officers gave a presentation about their experiences on the boat and throughout the submarine officer pipeline. This was a unique opportunity because it allowed Midshipmen that are interested in the Submarine community a chance to ask questions about their first few years on the boat.

In addition to engaging guest speakers, this weekly drill period calls on different Midshipmen from every class to present announcements including upcoming events, Naval and Marine Corps history, and summaries of university talks relevant to the battalion. This provides an opportunity for Midshipmen to develop their public speaking skills as they prepare to one day lead Sailors and Marines.

Drill provides a space for the Battalion to learn and develop as a mass, building Midshipmen camaraderie and individual skill sets in all of these ways and more. From the initial planning to the execution the weekly presentation of drill is a unique opportunity for the growth of every member of the battalion.

- MIDN 4/C Millman
Beginning on Veteran’s day, the Tri-Military Midshipmen and Cadets from the Notre Dame ROTC units stood watch at the annual 24-Hour Veteran’s Day Vigil at the University of Notre Dame. They took turns standing post at the Clarke Memorial Fountain, known as “Stonehenge” to many of the Notre Dame students. This ceremony commemorates the sacrifices made by all of the men and women who have served this country. The Midshipmen and Cadets stood their post regardless of the weather conditions in honor of those who gave their lives.

During the vigil, Midshipmen and Cadets took shifts every thirty minutes for 24 hours. Each participant was to stand their post in their dress uniform and stand at parade rest. They would only break their position to rotate to the other side of the monument. Throughout the shifts, the weather varied and the temperature dropped well into the low teens and, at one point, into the single digits. MIDN 4/C Keppel stated, “Standing watch at the Memorial was an honor, and I felt connected to all Sailors who stood watch throughout the Navy’s 244 years. During the vigil, other students would pause to watch the posting of the next shift, and hopefully it helped them remember all veterans." Despite the freezing weather and snow, the memorial was guarded for the entire 24 hours.

Following the completion of the 24 hours, the Tri-Military ROTC units gathered in Carey Auditorium for a ceremony to honor all of those who have served and those who are currently serving. The ceremony opened with a prayer led by Fr. Rocca, who also gave the Benediction. Following the prayer, LTC Lachicotte, Commanding Officer of Notre Dame Army ROTC, introduced the guest of honor, BG Ricciardi. BG Ricciardi has worked closely with Notre Dame Army ROTC and spoke about the history between Notre Dame and the military. After BG Ricciardi’s words, each branch stood at attention while their song was played and each member sang with pride.

Even though the weather conditions were not ideal, the Midshipmen and Cadets did not leave their posts. This vigil remains an important tradition amongst the Tri-Military. This year’s Vigil and Ceremony was a success and it was a great way to remember and honor those who have served and those who are currently serving.

- MIDN 4/C Scheetz
The Midshipmen and Officers with their guests, family, and friends came together to celebrate the 244th birthday of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. Dressed in their finest, the Midshipmen gathered at Riverside Terrace for the annual Navy and Marine Corps Ball.

A night filled with great food and dancing began by welcoming the honored guest of the evening, VADM Mat Winter, USN (ret.). The sword detail lined the dance floor while VADM Winter was escorted in by CAPT Prokopius. VADM Winter, a 1984 Notre Dame graduate, inspired the Midshipmen with his experiences in the Navy while expressing his thoughts on how to maintain power in our changing world. We are fortunate that VADM Winter joined us on this evening.

The guests soon turned their attention to the stage for the traditional cake cutting ceremony. The cake detail welcomed the most seasoned Sailor or Marine present to share the first piece of cake with the youngest Sailor or Marine. This long standing tradition represents the history of Sailors and Marines guiding, mentoring, and sharing experiences with the next generation of great leaders. The Midshipmen enjoyed carrying on this special tradition.

The guests then crowded the dance floor to get the best view of the most anticipated event of the evening: the company dance off. The 4/C Midshipmen in each company spent countless hours rehearsing a dance choreographed by the Third Class in their respective companies. These Midshipmen pulled out all of the stops. They performed stunts, flips, and synchronized dance moves, letting their true personalities show to try to impress the judges. Bravo Zulu to the Charlie Company Midshipmen who took home the victory after a close competition. MIDN 4/C Hayden, a star dancer for Charlie, claimed “They always say hard work beats talent. It’s a good thing we had both.” The Midshipmen were dedicated to their dance rehearsals, had a great time performing, and got to bond with their company.

The guests spent the rest of the evening on the dance floor savoring the final moments of Navy Ball. A big thanks goes out to the Charlie Company Midshipmen who planned this event and made it a success. These Midshipmen perfected each detail of the event, but MIDN 3/C Elson says that the work is “all worth it when you see everyone having a great time during the ball.” We are grateful for the Officers, family, and friends who joined us to celebrate the birthday of the Navy and Marine Corps.

- MIDN 3/C La Sala
This year’s Military Appreciation Game against the Naval Academy was an exciting day for the Notre Dame community, but more importantly, Notre Dame NROTC. The game against the Naval Academy Midshipmen highlighted Notre Dame’s annual tradition in which one football game is dedicated to honoring our country’s past, present, and future service members. Unsurprisingly, the Fighting Irish came out with a dominant victory, beating Navy 52 to 20. At halftime, Midshipmen and Cadets from the three ROTC units at Notre Dame patriotically stepped onto the football field for a magnificent color guard and flag unfurling. As the flag extended across the field, accompanied by the US National Anthem played by the ND marching band, patriotic pride was at unprecedentedly high levels. “It was an honor to represent the Navy and my country in such a special way,” MIDN 4/C Lis said proudly.

In addition, Midshipmen had the opportunity to meet and talk with the naval aviators who conducted the flyover during the game. Midshipmen had the luxury of learning more about the pilots’ flying careers, naval flight training, and different aviation platforms, including the E/A-18 Growler. MIDN 4/C Hayden found the talk to be extremely helpful, stating that “With a career path that can sometimes be stressful to navigate, the flyover crew really helped break down the process of becoming an officer in the aviation community and gave great personal narratives on their experiences.”

During the game, Notre Dame also specially recognized a group of Wounded Warrior veterans for their service. Overall, Military Appreciation weekend was an amazing time for ND Midshipmen. Not only did Midshipmen have a great time representing the unit, they also had the opportunity to work towards naval career discernment. It is without a doubt that the patriotic attitudes and excitement of the Midshipmen are clear indications of a strong-minded band of warriors.

- MIDN 4/C Xu

Photo Credit: Heather Gollatz-Dukeman
The members of the NROTC Battalion had the pleasure of attending a brief speech and Q & A session with the then Secretary of the Navy, Richard V. Spencer. This incredible opportunity was made possible through the cooperation of the NROTC Battalion and the Notre Dame International Security Center and it offered Midshipmen the privilege of gaining administrative and strategic level insight on the US Navy from the most senior member of the Department of the Navy.

Midshipmen had the opportunity to ask specific questions about their interests throughout the Navy and were able to glean some insider information on what may be on the horizon for their future careers. The SECNAV introduced his new concept for improving the integration of the Navy’s education programs, called Education for Service (E4S), in which he hoped to unify the philosophies that guide the Naval Academy, Naval War College, and Naval Postgraduate School. In response to this MIDN 1/C Slattery inquired as to the future roll that NROTC would play in the educational system of the Navy, and the SECNAV was so impressed by this question that he promised a future response. The SECNAV kept his word and reached out to the unit to inform us that the E4S program intends to further evaluate the role that NROTC units will play in the educational system that is planned for improved coordination between all aspects of the Navy and Marine Corps Officer development processes.

Along with tackling questions on administrative issues, the SECNAV also fielded queries from audience members about their concerns in US military affairs, including the National Military Strategy and the importance or remaining ahead of our near-peer competitors. The entire NROTC Battalion is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to learn directly from the senior official in the Department of the Navy and the Midshipmen have surely benefited greatly from this event.

- MIDN 1/C Jones
This Fall, the NROTC Battalion retained its status as the undisputed best flag-football team of any US military officer training program at the University of Notre Dame. The team, composed of Navy and Marine option Midshipmen, clinched two stunning victories over Air Force ROTC and Army ROTC.

The season began on a strong note with an incredible victory over AFROTC after the NROTC team was able to score five touchdowns, while AFROTC was unable to score even a single point. It was an incredible show of athletic excellence and it demonstrated the confidence, tenacity and talent that the NROTC team had developed through its planning and practice.

More importantly than the win over AFROTC, the Navy and Marine option Midshipmen were able to secure the much-needed 3-1 victory over the NROTC battalion’s fiercest rival, Army ROTC. Although the AROTC team put up a tougher fight, they ultimately succumbed to the onslaught of the fast paced and aggressive offense and airtight defense that the NROTC team fielded. MIDN 2/C Yusko shined at Quarterback as he led the team up and down the field. He confidently slung passes as he pleased due to great blocking from the offensive line, a unit which didn’t give up one sack. As a testament to his performance, MIDN 3/C Williams claimed that we should “send Yusko to the league.” On defense OC Brian Duffy, who also worked tirelessly to prepare the team for their two games, tore up any chances AROTC had to gain yards. By the end of the game, Army’s players were lucky to make it past the line of scrimmage as MIDN 1/C Ralph turned up the heat in Army’s backfield.

The NROTC’s team unrivaled dominance this year will hopefully speak to the continued excellence of the Navy and Marine Corps team that the players will join. Just as the Navy and Marine Corps rely on teamwork to accomplish their mission worldwide, it cannot be denied that the NROTC flag-football team demonstrated the teamwork that is critical to success on the high-seas and on the battlefield.

- MIDN 1/C Jones
Want to keep up with the success of the Notre Dame Midshipmen?
Check out the battalion social media to keep up with all battalion events!

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