

USC NAVAL ROTC NEWSLETTER



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Edited by: MIDN 2/C Hof

All Families Welcome: Trojan Battalion Hosts Family Tailgate!

By: MIDN 3/C Baylon

In celebration of Family Weekend, on September 28, 2024, the NROTC Trojan Battalion proudly hosted its annual Family Weekend Tailgate. The event welcomed the families and friends of both the MIDN and Active Duty staff, fostering camaraderie and providing an opportunity to connect with the battalion. Throughout the day, families enjoyed a variety of games and delicious food. As the OIC, I had the privilege of overseeing the planning and coordination of this event—a role I am truly grateful for. It provided an invaluable opportunity to further develop my leadership and organizational skills, making it a rewarding learning experience. I'm thrilled with the great turnout and even more excited that we secured a big win against the Badgers!



249 Years Old Has Never Looked So Good

By: MIDN 2/C Williams

October 13th marked the two hundred and forty-ninth year since an act of the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Navy in 1775. Since then, October 13th has served as the U.S. Navy's birthday. Keeping with tradition, a ceremonial cake cutting and a screening of the CNO's birthday message were held outside the Physical Education Building. Battalion Commander MIDN Paradis cut the cake with a Navy sword and distributed a slice to the unit's longest-serving member of the Navy, our XO Commander Ragadio, who is rumored to be older than the Navy itself. Per tradition, Commander Ragadio took a bite and then offered the slice to the youngest member of the battalion, MIDN Kundu. Overseeing the ceremony was MIDN Miramadi. When asked if he was honored to be in charge of the ceremony, he said, "Yes." Unfortunately, MIDN Paradis and all other Marine-Options won't celebrate their birthday until November 10th, when they will surely let everyone know what day it is.



MIDN watch as MIDN 3/C Owusu blows out candles



CDR Ragadio sharing a slice of cake with MIDN 4/C Kundu



BNCO Paradis cuts cake with a sword



MIDN 4/C Lorentzen receiving a slice of cake

Marines Venture to Pendleton: Fall 2024 FEX

By: MIDN 3/C Xie

FEX weekend started with arriving in the squad bay Friday evening and getting a base order from the MOI. At 0500 on Saturday, we started the day with a challenging 6-mile ruck. After that, we went into doing Small Unit Leadership Evaluations (SULEs) to sharpen our skills in giving and executing orders. Between our SULE sessions, we did the Leadership Reaction Course (LRC) to develop fire team leadership skills, and we practiced land navigation. We ended the long day with night land navigation and arrived back at the squad bay around 2100. Before we headed back to campus and finished off our FEX weekend, we spent some time on Sunday morning practicing the O-Course before trying a complete run-through.



MIDN hold security during LRCs



MIDN participate in the O-Course



Marine-Option MIDN come together in a huddle



*SSgt Arzate
instructs MIDN
3/C Miller*



*MIDN
evaluated
during LRCs*

MIDN of the Month: MIDN 3/C Baylon

By: MIDN 2/C Hof

MIDN Baylon hails from San Diego, California, and is a Sophomore studying Human Biology. MIDN Baylon earned this recognition for her outstanding efforts as OIC of the Trojan Battalion NROTC Family Weekend Tailgate. Her leadership and attention to detail resulted in a successful and lively event showcasing her dedication and commitment to the Battalion.

In addition to her NROTC responsibilities, MIDN Baylon is actively involved in numerous clubs at USC, including TroyPhi and the USC Women's Basketball Club Team. Her continued contributions and active involvement serve as an inspiration, and we look forward to seeing all she will achieve in the future.



MIDN 3/C Baylon receiving award from BNCO Paradis



MIDN 3/C Baylon on summer cruise



MIDN 3/C Baylon with USC President Carol Folt



VADM Cheever in a Q&A with MIDN

Welcome VADM Cheever!

By: MIDN 1/C Sosa

The Trojan Battalion was honored to have Air Boss VADM Dan Cheever, Commander of Naval Air Forces, visit our USC NROTC unit! Admiral Cheever shared his incredible experiences in Naval Aviation and leadership with our midshipmen, offering valuable insights as we prepare for our careers in the Navy and the Marine Corps. Our 1/C were especially excited to meet with him just before their service selection—what a perfect time to gain advice from such an accomplished leader.

Thank you, Vice Admiral, for inspiring the next generation of Naval Officers!



VADM Cheever with 1/C MIDN

1/C Service Assignments

By: MIDN 2/C Hof

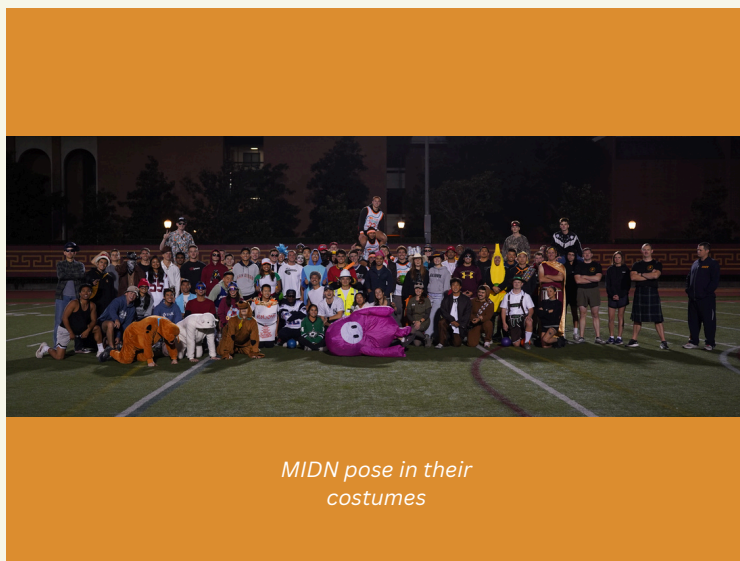
- MIDN 1/C Ben Neill - Student Naval Aviator
- MIDN 1/C David Rozo - SWO Nuke (SEAL option)
- MIDN 1/C Earle Schweizer - Submarine Warfare
- MIDN 1/C Brice Brown - Submarine Warfare
- MIDN 1/C Rylan Giorgetta - Student Naval Aviator
- MIDN 1/C Jackson Hebert - Student Naval Aviator
- MIDN 1/C Eddie Herrington - Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- MIDN 1/C Kaisa Liljenwall - Submarine Warfare
- MIDN 1/C Luke Miramadi - Student Naval Aviator

- MIDN 1/C Jae Sosa - Submarine Warfare
- MIDN 1/C Matthew Merone - Student Naval Aviator
- MIDN 1/C Mary Grace Foster - Student Naval Aviator
- MIDN 1/C Bailey Johnson - Student Naval Aviator
- MIDN 1/C Nathan Wise - Student Naval Aviator
- MIDN 1/C Matt Villena - Student Naval Aviator
- MIDN 1/C Marisol Ruiz - Submarine Warfare

Happy Halloween!

By: MIDN 2/C Hof

The Trojan Battalion rolled up to Allyson Felix Field in their (arguably) best costumes for Wednesday's PT. They celebrated the occasion with a fun-morale-building dodgeball game. Competition was fierce, but through many rounds, Operations Platoon earned first place. Congrats to Operations Platoon and Happy Halloween, Trojan Battalion!



MIDN pose in their costumes



MIDN competing in dodgeball

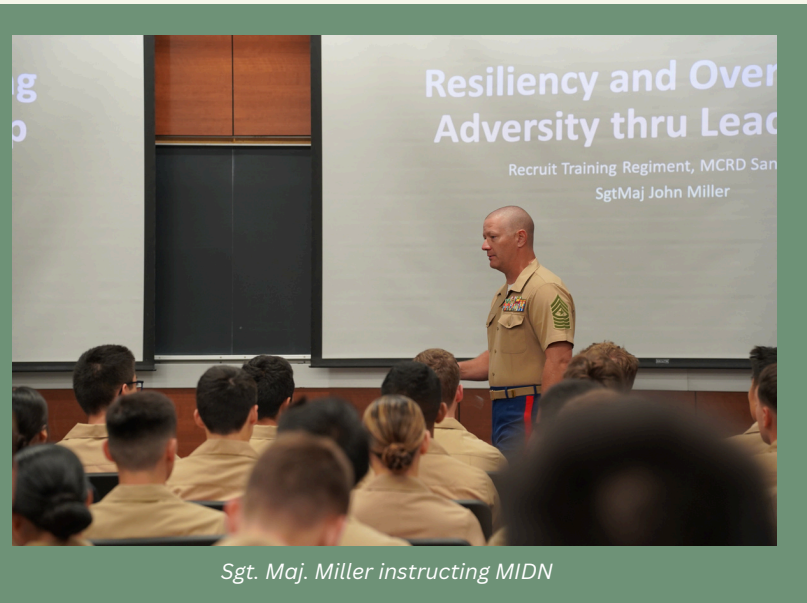


MIDN 4/C Southworth won the costume contest!

Lessons From Sgt. Maj. Miller

By: MIDN 3/C Wyman

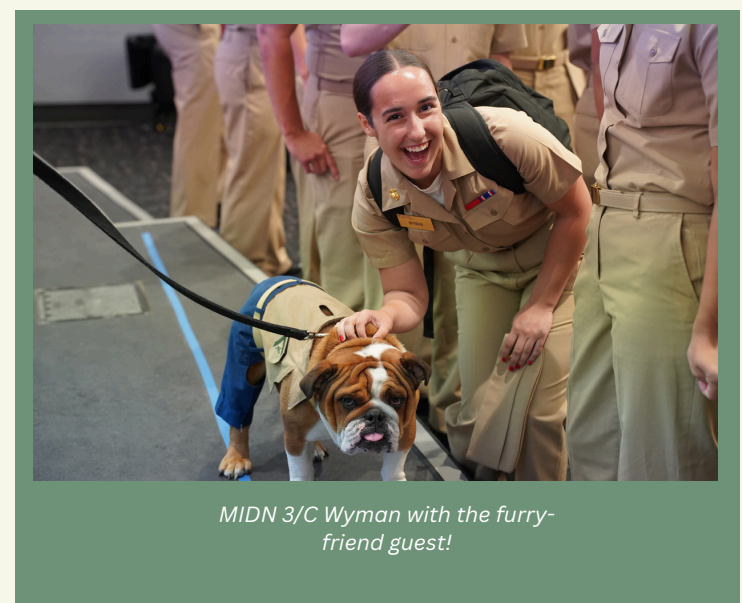
Sergeant Major John Miller came to speak to the Trojan Battalion, and it was an incredible experience. One of the big things that he talked about was being a leader, not a boss. He emphasized that we should learn our Marines and Sailors' stories and always figure out how we can best serve them. When we did our breakout session with him and fellow Marine-Option students, we got to learn specifically about how we can use our rank and voice to improve our subordinate's morale. This really resonated with me because seeing somebody in a leadership position who is highly ranked, and who still cares about every single Marine under him really showcases how special and connected the military is.



Sgt. Maj. Miller instructing MIDN



Sgt. Maj. Miller introducing his staff to MIDN



MIDN 3/C Wyman with the furry friend guest!



Col. Perry talking with Sgt. Maj. Miller's staff



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