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CO'S WORD



As we end another successful semester and academic year, I am proud of all the accomplishments of the Midshipman Company. The numerous opportunities to excel were met head on by your dedication, positive attitudes and perseverance. As some of you head out on your careers, summer breaks and summer cruises, you can be assured that you can successfully compete with your peers in all endeavors. Two examples of your steadfast perform-

ance and ability to face challenges was evident in winning third place out of 37 units in platoon basic drill at the Tulane University Drill Meet in February and sponsoring and executing the Area 12 NJROTC Drill Meet for 15 high schools on campus in January. Good times were had by all and you all certainly did yourselves proud by taking charge and moving out. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to pass on some advice to those of you graduating this May and to those of you remaining here to complete your journeys. I will focus on you being a leader. Let's look at the word LEADER, letter by letter, starting with:

L – Learn from your mistakes and strive to not repeat them by taking every setback or failure as an opportunity to improve and do better next time

E – Educate yourself in the things you need to know to survive in academics, your career and your life

A – Attitude, especially positive attitudes win out every time over negative ones

D – Dare to be different ... its cool to do well in school, no matter what others say, dis-associate yourself from bad people, bad attitudes and bad things – its okay, remember you are a leader

E – Exercise your body and your brain every day to maximize your success and be ready to meet every challenge, and finally,

R – Respect and remember who you are and what you represent: your parents, your family, your service, your university, your unit, yourself. I wish all of you much continued success in the bright futures you have ahead of you.

MOI'S CORNER



training, come back to school ready to go. Some of you have been assigned leadership billets for the first time; take advantage of the opportunity to develop your leadership skills.

Midshipmen, CONGRATULATIONS on another successful semester. To the newly commissioned Ensigns, not only have you accomplished something that the majority of the country could never accomplish, but you have voluntarily entered the service of your country during a period of war. I am truly humbled by your bravery and unselfish devotion to your country. Go forward and take the reigns; you are ready lead.

To the Midshipmen remaining in the program, the challenge continues. As you travel to various destinations around the world for summer training, enjoy the experiences but remember to pay attention, because very shortly you are going to be in a position where you will be receiving Midshipmen for summer training. After summer

Some of the best officers serving in the United States Navy and Marine Corps today are graduates of Savannah State University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit; each of you have the potential to be the next MajGen Walter E. Gaskin, USMC or Captain Annie Andrews, USN. Continue to march with confidence and determination. Every opportunity to plan and execute a parade, housing painting, or Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball, every morning physical training (PT) session and drill team practice is a building block in your leadership development. Meet the challenges head on, do your best and you will earn the coveted bars of gold. Semper Fi.

MCO'S CORNER



orchestrated demonstration of midshipmen's capabilities.

After one year as Midshipman Commanding Officer, I have learned several valuable lessons regarding leadership ones that I want to convey to next year's Midshipman Commanding Officer. You must be prepared for anything and have a back-up plan, and maybe even a back-up plan for the back-up plan. You must also know your people and make sure that they get what they need. If you ensure that your people are well taken care of, they will take care of you. The unit and its officers are like a family; all of us share a bond, despite tough times and disagreements. At the end of the day, we still respect each other, care about each other, and work together effectively and efficiently. You must remember that you can't take yourself too seriously. Sometimes you must laugh, even laugh at yourself, but always know when to revert to your serious side. Most importantly, the real recipe for successful leadership is you must be confident in yourself, assertive and firm in your decisions, and tactful. Failure to do so will result in others losing their confidence in you.

My term as Midshipman Commanding Officer has been an honor and a pleasure and a time of growth for me. I feel that I am ready to serve as an ensign in the US Navy.

Farewell. Bravo Zulu! Hoorah!

Greetings Family and Friends:

The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) unit enjoyed a spectacularly successful year in 2006-2007. Our year began with our first alumni banquet, an event that honored Savannah State University NROTC graduates—especially Major General E. Walter Gaskin and our current Commanding Officer, Captain Leonard B. Jones. Members of the unit were inspired and motivated to become Navy and Marine Corps officers.

Spring semester began with participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, a performance that was especially meaningful to unit members because of Savannah's historical link to the slain civil rights leader.

Spring Review required much effort from midshipmen; planning, practicing, preparing materials, and assuring that invitees were present to receive their awards. The result was a well-

NROTC UNIT HISTORY

The Naval ROTC Unit at Savannah State University (then Savannah State College) was established on 22 September 1971 with an enrollment of forty-one Midshipmen. The first four officers, three Navy Ensigns and one Marine Corps Second Lieutenant, were commissioned in June 1974. That Second Lieutenant is now a Major General. In December 1977, the first "cross-town" Midshipman from Armstrong Atlantic State University (then Armstrong State College) was commissioned. To date, the unit has commissioned 222 officers into the Naval Service: 173 Navy Ensigns (36 Female, 19 AASU) and 49 Marine Corps Second Lieutenants (7 female, 1 AASU).

SSU NROTC graduates include 1 Marine Corps Major General (O-8), several Navy Captains (O-6) and Commanders (O-5), as well as the first Black officer to fly with and then command the Navy Blue Angels. The unit's first black female captain retired and currently holds a flag officer equivalent rank in the Senior Executive Service with the NSA. These officers have held positions in command that include: major Marine Corps commands, a Destroyer Squadron, Aviation Squadrons, Ships at the O-4 and O-5 level in the CRUDES, AMPHIB and MCM communities, Marine Corps units, O-6 Major Command Ashore and other Shore installations.

MILK PARADE 2007



Savannah State University NROTC took part in the 28th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade on 15 January 2007. The weather was perfect for a parade; the skies were clear and the temperature was moderate. Our Unit was honored to be one of the lead participants in a parade held for a man of such great caliber.

The Midshipman Company lead by the Company's 1st Sgt, GySgt Daniels, professionally marched along the parade route evoking spontaneous applause from the parade observers. The Company was trailed by the Commanding Officer and Midshipman Commanding Officer in a sleek 1931 Ford Model A.

Dr. King's movement

shook the world and effected every race, creed, and color. His movement was not targeted to help only African-Americans, but to help a nation as a whole. Diversity is well seen in our unit. Midshipmen come from the local Savannah area, outlying Georgia, the east coast, all across the United States, and of all types of ethnic backgrounds. Seeing such a diverse unit work together with such great cohesion, is a great example of what the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corp represent and is something that would make Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. proud.

OC Adam Heyde



AREA 12 NJROTC DRILL MEET



The beginning of February marked the arrival of over a dozen high school NJROTC Units for the annual Area 12 NJROTC Drill Meet hosted by Savannah State University NROTC. The even numbered years are the regional qualifier years to see which high schools will compete in the NJROTC Drill Meet Nationals, while the odd number years represent an Area 12 sanctioned meet. Each year is equally important for both NJROTC Units and our NROTC Unit.



This event gave the Midshipman Company an opportunity to coordinate a large scale event. The Midshipman Company organized this event from start to finish. First gathering 13 outlying high schools to compete, creating a Letter of Instruction (LOI), marking the drill field, creating a T-shirt design, ordering and cooking for all participants, recruiting Parris Island Drill Instructors to help judge



the event, and scoring the event.

The event as a whole is the greatest training offered for the Midshipman Company throughout both semesters. It tests the leadership ability from the ground up. The overall coordination effort for the event is a great responsibility and one that the Midshipman Company has taken on year after year.

Although a very brisk cold front rolled through Savannah that day, the Midshipman Company overcame and accomplished the goals at hand.

At the end of the day's competition, Luella High School, Henry, County, GA placed 3rd, Coffee High School, Douglas, GA 2nd, and Baldwin High School, Milledgeville, GA took 1st Place Overall. Congratulations to all participants and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

OC Adam Heyde



GAME NIGHT



The Midshipman Company is always finding new ways to help build camaraderie and cohesion. For example, we've organized several "Movie and Game Nights." These events promote unit cohesion by allowing the Midshipman to come together and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere. This semester's Movie Night was fun, we watched movies and



just enjoyed being around each other. Some of our technically savvy midshipmen utilized our big screen to play a game of Madden 2006 on XBOX. But game night was incredibly fun. Many of the midshipmen took the time to converse over a game of cards. Two of our brightest midshipmen faced off over two games of Chess at the same time! MIDN 4/C Sellers entertained us with his musical talents on the guitar, and of course we made sure we ate from the five food groups: pizza, Oreo Cookies, chips, punch, and last but not least, ice cream. This focus on team building and camaraderie was key in helping me feel like a part of the Savannah State University NROTC family.

MIDN 4/C Smith, S.

SSU TAKES 3rd PLACE AT TULANE DRILL MEET!



Nervous is not how I would describe my emotions as Drill Team Commander preparing to compete in the Tulane University Mardi Gras NROTC Drill Meet; instead, extreme excitement and a sense of ownership and great anticipation motivated me while preparing for my greatest undertaking.

At first, the task was very daunting. I had never had an opportunity to lead a drill team, let alone lead one to a college level competition to perform in six events: Platoon Inspection, Platoon Basic Drill, Squad Basic Drill, Color Guard, Platoon Exhibition Drill, and Individual Exhibition Drill, and my Drill team consisted of mostly Freshmen and a few Sophomores.

The practice schedule was intense, the Drill Team practiced six days a week and sometimes twice a day. The mostly freshmen team demonstrated incredible devotion and commitment, reporting to drill team practice before and after classes and maintaining their bearing through numerous repetition of all six routines.

We traveled to New Orleans for the February 16th 2007 competition. The weather was terrible; it was freezing cold; it was so cold that the Midshipmen could not feel their weapons—even Lt. Haire was cold. We persevered and competed against 37 schools to include the US Naval Academy, Texas A&M, the Citadel, and other larger universities. We

competed as the underdog; the small HBCU, but we were not intimidated. We competed to our standards and we competed with some of the most dedicated Midshipmen in the nation. At the end of the competition, The Savannah State University NROTC Drill Team took **3rd place in Platoon Basic Drill** and **8th Overall** in the Tulane University NROTC Drill Meet out of 38 schools.

Words could not describe our feelings on hearing the news we placed 3rd in Platoon Basic Drill, but honestly, we were not surprised that we did so well. We had a secret weapon; GySgt Rodney Daniels absolutely made the difference in preparing the Drill Team for the competition. He spent countless hour instructing the drill team. His standards were high and he forced us to believe that we could compete on the same level as the bigger schools.

The experience of competing in this drill competition is one that will be remembered and treasured by the entire team. It was also a valuable learning experience; we learned that hard work and perseverance pays off. In addition to the self education, we had fun in New Orleans; it was great to spend time and exchange stories with Midshipmen from other NROTC Units. We look forward to next year's competition and challenge next year's drill team to do better than we did.

MIDN 3/C MICHAEL WHITAKER



NAVY PT



During the fall semester of 2006, the Navy made revisions to its physical fitness standards. The elliptical trainer was an approved exercise to test aerobic fitness for the semi-annual physical fitness assessment and Command Fitness Leaders attended classes to learn of more changes. A new warm up routine was put in place. There were also more guidelines put in place that suggested new types of workout routines, as well as certain exercises to avoid. As the Midshipman Physical Training Officer, I feel that these changes were

for the better. In the future, I believe that these new guidelines will help the Midshipman Company improve and give us a foundation so that we may excel in the field of physical fitness. Overall the Midshipman Company excelled with zero failures. Perfect 300 scores were posted by OC Adam Heyde and OC Joshua Stokes, other notable scores were MIDN 1/C Sa'adatu Olanrewaju and MIDN 1/C Major Smith with scores of 295.

MIDN 1/C Frank Willis

OCS PREP



The mission of Officer Candidates School is to educate, train, evaluate, and screen officer candidates to ensure they possess the moral, intellectual, and physical qualities for commissioning, and the leadership potential to serve successfully as company grade officers in the operating forces. This semester we began preparing for the mental and physical rigors of Officer Candidate School (OCS). Our daily physical training regiment consisted of "boots and utes" runs, speed drills, timed

stair runs, hikes of 6 and 9 miles, cross fit training, swimming, obstacle course events, and leadership classes. This summer, we will send three Marines to the first increment of OCS and one Marine to the second increment of OCS. This training will ensure the Marines will be able to cope and excel with the demands of OCS.

GySgt Rodney Daniels

MARINE WEEK



The Midshipman company came together to participate in what was the first "Marine Week" of our Company. The midshipmen devoted one week of Physical Training to a week of Marine Training. This soon became the most anticipated week among many of the midshipmen, especially myself. The thought of training like a Marine for a week brought many worries to some. However, the act of seeing each other participating together, was priceless. During the week, we learned different exercises like the low crawl and the fireman's carry. I must admit that the week was

hard and challenging, physically and mentally. The tasks were strenuous and required us to keep moving, even when we were tired. GySgt Mays, accepted no prisoners when it came to performing the tasks. The last day of Marine Week we enjoyed a company run, motivated by the cadences we all stayed together and went home strong. We plan to make this a semester training experience. Thanks again to the MECEPS and the Marine Option students for doing a great job showing us some of what it takes to be a Marine.

MIDN 4/C Shante' Smith

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



This semester, the Midshipman Company performed community service by painting three houses in the Savannah community.

The City of Savannah Housing Department House Painting Program organized by Mr. Carl Newsome and Mr. Larry Anderson provides an opportunity for low-income families to have their houses painted. The house painting program also provides an opportunity for the Midshipmen to give back to the community and promote the image of the NROTC program. Besides honing our skills with a paint roller, the Midshipmen who participated were able to further their team work skills, working together on several occasions to finish before dark or, in one case, before a storm. It is

also an opportunity for those who participate to enjoy the afternoon with one another, and of course have fun, putting as much paint on each other as on the houses.

House painting was also a valuable resource for the Midshipman Company as a fund raiser. The City of Savannah Housing Department pays \$500.00 per house. The funds received from the City of Savannah, is used to fund Midshipman Company events throughout the semester, including Spring Review, Mess Night and participation in the Tulane Drill Meet, to name a few.

OC Joshua Stokes

EVOLUTION OF THINKING

During the summer of 2004, I was accepted into the Seaman to Admiral (STA-21) program, this officer accession program provides enlisted Naval personnel the opportunity to earn a college degree and develop leadership skills as they transition to the officer corps. Having six years in the Navy and holding leadership positions, I thought there would be a limited amount of military leadership knowledge offered in the NROTC program, that the program in itself was designed only for college students with no prior military experience wishing to obtain a commissioning. In hindsight I could not have been more wrong.

Arriving in the Fall of 2005, I was very reluctant at first to be considered a Midshipman in ranks, I felt above the position. All the leadership I had obtained up to this point, was from hands-on training while in the fleet, and it wasn't until attending the Commanding Officer's "Leadership and Management" course did I fully realize the philosophical portion of leadership. In this course the greatest impact was understanding the notion "To be a good leader, you must be a good follower." There will never be a time in my military career, where I will not have a boss, an order, or the constitution to follow. At this point I realized three main items: (1) Once commissioned I will be leading sailors day in and day out, (2) The senior Midshipmen I may feel

above, will out rank me, and (3) I only understood a small portion of leadership. Only when I was able to get over the small things, was I able to learn the true essence of leadership.

As I opened up my self to the education and leadership development, my understanding of leadership and the role we must play as junior officers in the fleet increased. My new approach is to seek every possible leadership role available, from this I hope to gain a vision of the greater picture, and the opportunity to find my own weaknesses and improve them into strengths.

One of the greatest aspects of this program, is the ability to learn and test ones leadership traits and abilities in a controlled manner with the guidance of senior officers. We also have the opportunity to study the philosophy of leadership such as Epicetus who also inspired VADM Stockdale to survive 7 years of captivity as a prisoner of war and how Aristotle's "virtues" will help Naval officers in their decision making skills. Overall I have found that one should never stop the evolution of learning and thinking, that there will always be traits, qualities, and philosophies available from the ground up, but only if you keep an open mind.

OC Adam Heyde



ADMIRAL MACY'S VISIT



On the 22nd and 23rd of February the SSU NROTC Unit was privileged to welcome RDML Archer M. Macy, Commander of Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), CAPT Jeffrey Sapp, and Mr. Tony Gilbert. The purpose of the visit served two roles, 1) to increase enrollment, retention, and graduation of students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) 2) to attract a larger cross-section of quality freshmen and Navy ROTC Midshipmen.

RDML Macy's visit was a result of Savannah State University's participation in a two-day Awareness and Familiarization Outreach to HBCUs hosted by Macy in Washington DC last December. RDML Macy educated the Midshipman Company on the various programs Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) has to offer, he also spoke of the need for diversity in the NAVSEA organization. RDML Macy validated the point that the greater the amount of diversity in the lab, the greater the availability of answers to solve problems.

RDML Macy was very busy throughout his visit. He briefed the faculty and students on NAVSEA and NSWC diversity and community outreach efforts, conducted a Midshipmen brief and Q & A, two small banquets, and he even took the time to present the Midshipman Company their Tulane Drill Meet trophy.



OC Adam Heyde

EXCELLING STUDENTS



NAME: GySgt Rodney Daniels

NAME: OC Robert Hagedorn

NAME: Sgt Mark Stroud

NAME: Sgt Lynette Ferdinand

CLASS: Senior

CLASS: Senior

CLASS: Sophmore

CLASS: Sophmore

MAJOR: Political Science

MAJOR: Computer Science

MAJOR: Political Science

MAJOR: Political Science

BILLET: Company 1st Sgt

BILLET: MAO

BILLET: Midshipman in Ranks

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HOMETOWN: Montgomery, AL

HOMETOWN: Cincinnati, OH

HOMETOWN: Atlanta, GA

HOMETOWN: York, PA

GPA: 4.00

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HONORS:AKΔ,ΠGM, President of Sociology Club

HONORS:AKM, Suma Kum Lade

HONORS: Deans List

HONORS:AFS, ΠGM

QUOTE: "Motivation and the will to succeed comes from within"

QUOTE: "Tomorrow is never guaranteed, live today"

QUOTE: "Hard work always paves the way."

QUOTE: "Nothing in life is predestined. Obstacles of your past lead to the gateways of your future."

AVIATION AWARENESS DAYS 2007



On March 19th and 20th, 2007, the SSU NROTC Unit sponsored Aviation Awareness Days 2007 at the 165th Airlift Wing, Georgia Air National Guard. In partnership with the Savannah Chatham County public school system, we had the opportunity to guide middle and high school students around the flight line and air wing. At first, there was some hesitation about our perspective assignments, but we soon were able to show the students the different aircraft on display, that included: H-65C Dolphin, F/A-18C, P-3, TH-57C, Gulfstream-4, C-130, and a Piper Cherokee.

The first day brought the middle school students. They were particularly interested in touring the flight line. The C-130 was of the most interesting to them. After touring the different aircraft, they were able to test pilot inside a flight simula-

tor.

Day number two belonged to the high school students. Because most of the students were close to graduation, it was important for them to be able to be briefed by the pilots that attended Aviation Awareness Days. There were also representatives from Gulfstream, Embry-Riddle, East Georgia Aviation College, the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

All in all, everyone would agree that Aviation Awareness Days was a success. We were able to expose about 1200 students to different horizons that they would otherwise not usually have access to. I look forward to our unit's participation in this event for years to come.

Midn 3/C Brittney Sherman



MIDSHIPMEN INSPECTIONS

Inspections are a regular occurrence in the Navy and Marine Corps. For this reason, the NROTC Midshipman Company undergoes several inspections each semester. Midshipmen and Marines are inspected in the areas of appearance, military bearing and knowledge. As a midshipman at Savannah State University NROTC you are expected to present an appearance of neat, clean, professionalism at all times you are in uniform. The Midshipman Company has multiple inspections throughout the year. However, there are two major inspections every year. The Service Dress Blue inspection is often conducted during the fall semester in preparation for one of the unit's annual events, the Navy/Marine Corps Birthday Ball. The Summer Whites inspection is often conducted around

the time for Spring Review. However, the Midshipman Company have inspections in the Khaki uniform throughout the year. The individuals that have inspected the company throughout the year included the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor, Gunnery Sergeant Mays, the Midshipman Commanding Officer, Midshipman 1/C Olanrewaju, the Midshipman Executive Officer, Gunnery Sergeant Muse, and the Company's 1st Sergeant, Gunnery Sergeant Daniels. The requirements have been set high for the Midshipman Company, however; they are obtainable.

Midshipman 4/C Gholson



SPRING REVIEW

On 19 April 2007 the SSU NROTC unit held its annual Spring Review. Spring review is the culminating event of the academic year where the Midshipmen have the opportunity to showcase how well they have developed militarily and to be recognized for their military leadership and academic accomplishment throughout the academic year.

From the "march on" to the precision display of manual-of-arms to the pass in review, the Midshipman Company flawlessly executed the parade. During the ceremony midshipmen were recognized by the Commanding Officer, and local retired military organizations for their achievements throughout the previous academic year.

Captain Bernard Jackson, Deputy Chief of Staff, Navy Enterprise, Pentagon, and a 1978

graduate of the Savannah State University NROTC program, served as Reviewing Officer and Guest Speaker for the ceremony. CAPT Jackson's speech served as a reminder to the midshipmen to make sure they have their priorities in order before they embark on their careers as officers in the Navy and Marine Corps. He stressed that an officer must take care of his subordinates.

CAPT Jackson's speech was especially motivating because he has been where we are now. He serves as a reminder that a student/midshipman can certainly get "anywhere from here."

MIDN 3/C Brittney Sherman



MESS NIGHT

On 21 April 2007 the Midshipman Company held their first Mess Night in five years. Mess Night is a Navy and Marine Corps tradition that dates back hundreds of years.

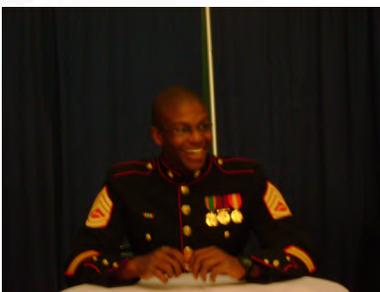
The comedy period of the evening came early when, MIDN 1/C Samuels, the incoming Midshipman Commanding Officer, arrived 15 minutes late-somehow he got word that the time had changed. As a result of his tardiness, MIDN Samuels was required to precisely request permission to enter the Mess (several times).

OC Heyde prepared the grog before the Mess; the ingredients included room temperature milk, pickle juice, marshmallows, OC Heyde's PT water (whatever that was), and vinegar. Many braved the grog and lived to tell about it.

Midshipmen Campbell, Cleary, Whitaker, and English performed a hilarious skit imitating the active duty staff.

The guest of honor Colonel Christopher Bourne (USMC) Commanding Officer of Weapons and Training Battalion, Parris Island, SC. spoke to us about what it takes to be a successful Navy and Marine Corps Officer and to always keep our eyes open for any opportunity that might present itself. Col. Bourne's speech was inspiring and encouraged me to look forward to the journey I'm about to embark on. I think Mess Night was an enormous success and I am looking forward to attend another in the future.

MIDN 1/C Jeremy Brigham



HAIL AND FAREWELL



Farewell to CDR Joel Reaves, current SSU NROTC Executive Officer, who will be replaced by CDR Ganun. CDR Reaves reported August 2nd 2004 and will depart in July of 2007. CDR Reaves' initial expectations were to leave the Unit in better condition than he found it. Also he wanted to raise the standard to exceed the minimum on both Midshipman and Staff standards. CDR Reaves accomplished his expectation goals and has successfully increased the caliber of students and the enforcement of guidelines. His future plans are to retire after 30 years and 1 month of active service. CDR Reaves would like the Midshipmen to utilize the knowledge that they have acquired and to "Do what they need to do to be successful, not necessarily what they want to do."



Farewell to LT Travis Haire, current Junior/Senior class advisor and Nuclear/Submarine Officer. LT Haire reported to Savannah State University NROTC in June of 2005 and will depart July of 2007. LT Haire will transfer to the Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) in Groton, CT. After SOAC, LT Haire will be assigned a department head tour on a yet to be determined submarine. LT Haire leaves the following words of advice: "I expect all of you to take the leadership skills you have observed during your time here at SSU, whether good or bad, and develop your own set of leadership traits. Take these traits to your commands and you will succeed and be respected."



Farewell to Mrs. Tyson, current secretary of the NROTC Unit. Mrs. Tyson first took the position as a temporary summer position in 1984 and has since stayed permanently, for 23 years of dedicated service. Mrs. Tyson has seen a total of 9 Commanding Officers during her time here. Mrs. Tyson plans to retire, travel, take care of her grandchildren, and most of all enjoy life. She has enjoyed her time here very much and would do it all over again. She has loved working with the students, staff, and military. Mrs. Tyson would like to leave the Midshipmen the following words of advice: "You need to continue what you are doing, stay focused and the outcome will be rewarding."



Farewell to GySgt Derrick Mays, current Assistant Marine Officer Instructor, who will be replaced by GySgt J. Wright. GySgt Mays reported June of 2004 and will depart in June of 2007. GySgt Mays' initial expectations was to leave the Unit in better condition than he found it and not to reinvent the wheel, but to make it run smoother. GySgt Mays feels his expectation goals were met and the Unit is a better place today. GySgt Mays has been very successful in OCS and TBS preparation and knows that anyone who goes through OCS prep will not have a problem at Quantico. GySgt Mays will assume the Company GySgt position at 2nd Battalion 8th Marine H&S Company and plans to stay in the Marine Corps for a max time. GySgt Mays would like the Midshipman Company to remember, "Never be afraid to dream BIG."



Hail to GySgt Wright, incoming Assistant Marine Officer Instructor, who is replacing GySgt Mays. GySgt Wright is arriving from Recruiting Station Harrisburg, PA and has been in the USMC for eleven and a half years. His expectations are to ensure every Midshipman in the program is physically and mentally capable of becoming a commissioned officer. He is happy with GySgt Mays' current program and plans to keep the well oiled machine running as smooth as possible. His goals are to lead Marines and pursue the rank of Sgt Major. GySgt Wright would like the Midshipman Company to remember, "Your mission is the commission and should be focused on 100%."

SPRING 2007 GRADUATES



OC Robert Hagedorn
 Robert Hagedorn graduated from Anderson High School in May 1998. He is graduating with a B.S. in Computer Science Technology with a minor in Mathematics. Upon commissioning he will attend Naval Flight School in Pensacola, FL.



MIDN 1/C Sa'Adatu Olanrewaju.
 She graduated from Salem High School in Conyers, GA. She joined Savannah State University in 2003 to pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communications, and enrolled in the Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps Program. Upon commissioning she will serve on the USS Carney (DDG-64) in Mayport, FL.



MIDN 1/C Frank D. Willis Jr.
 He graduated from Navarre High School class of 2002. He began at Savannah State University during January 2004. He will receive a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Mathematics. Upon commissioning he will attend Naval Flight School in Pensacola, FL.



TWO NEW "WANNABE" AVIATOR ENSIGNS



COMMISSIONING CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY



FIRST SALUTE



SIGNING OF THE OATH



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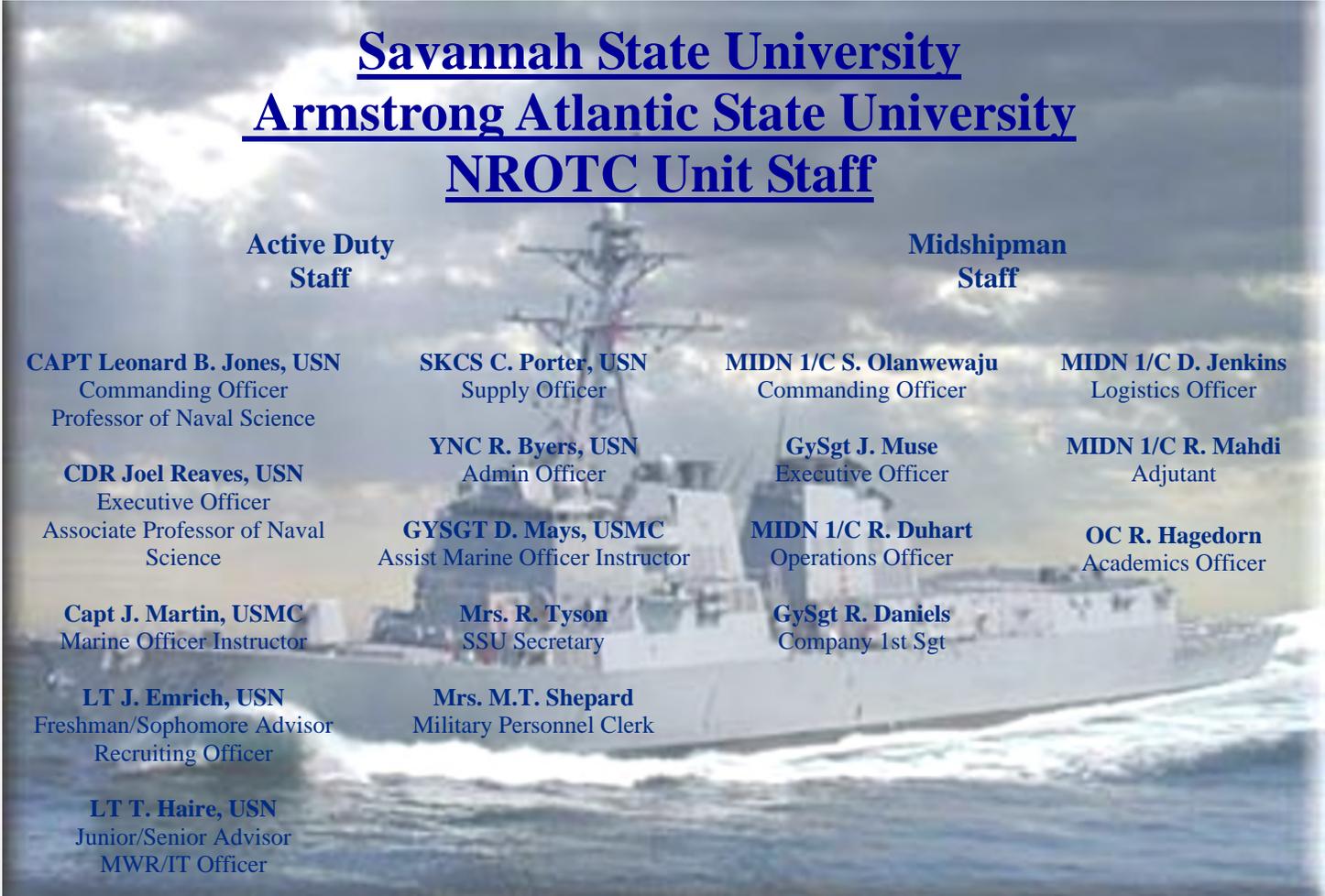
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