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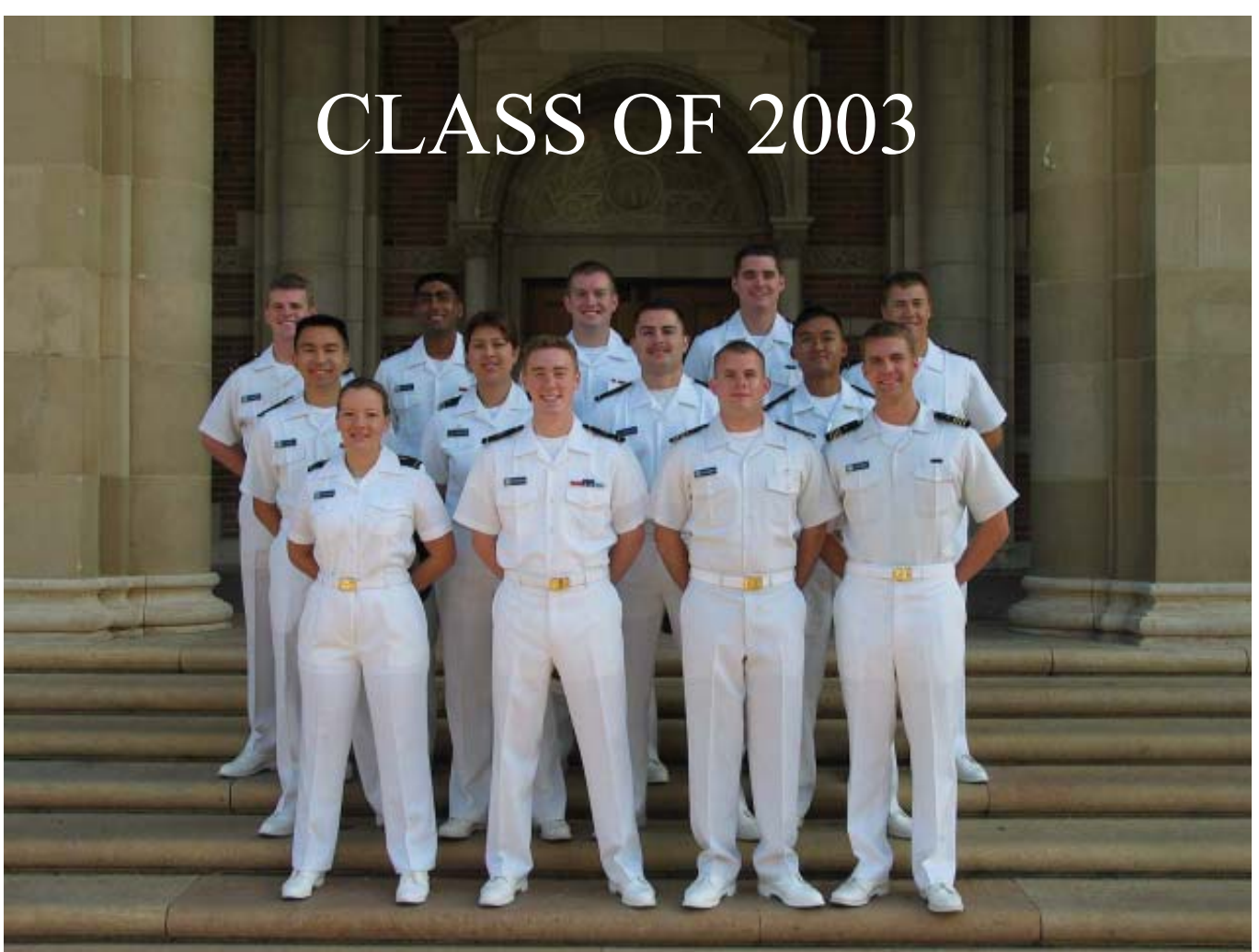




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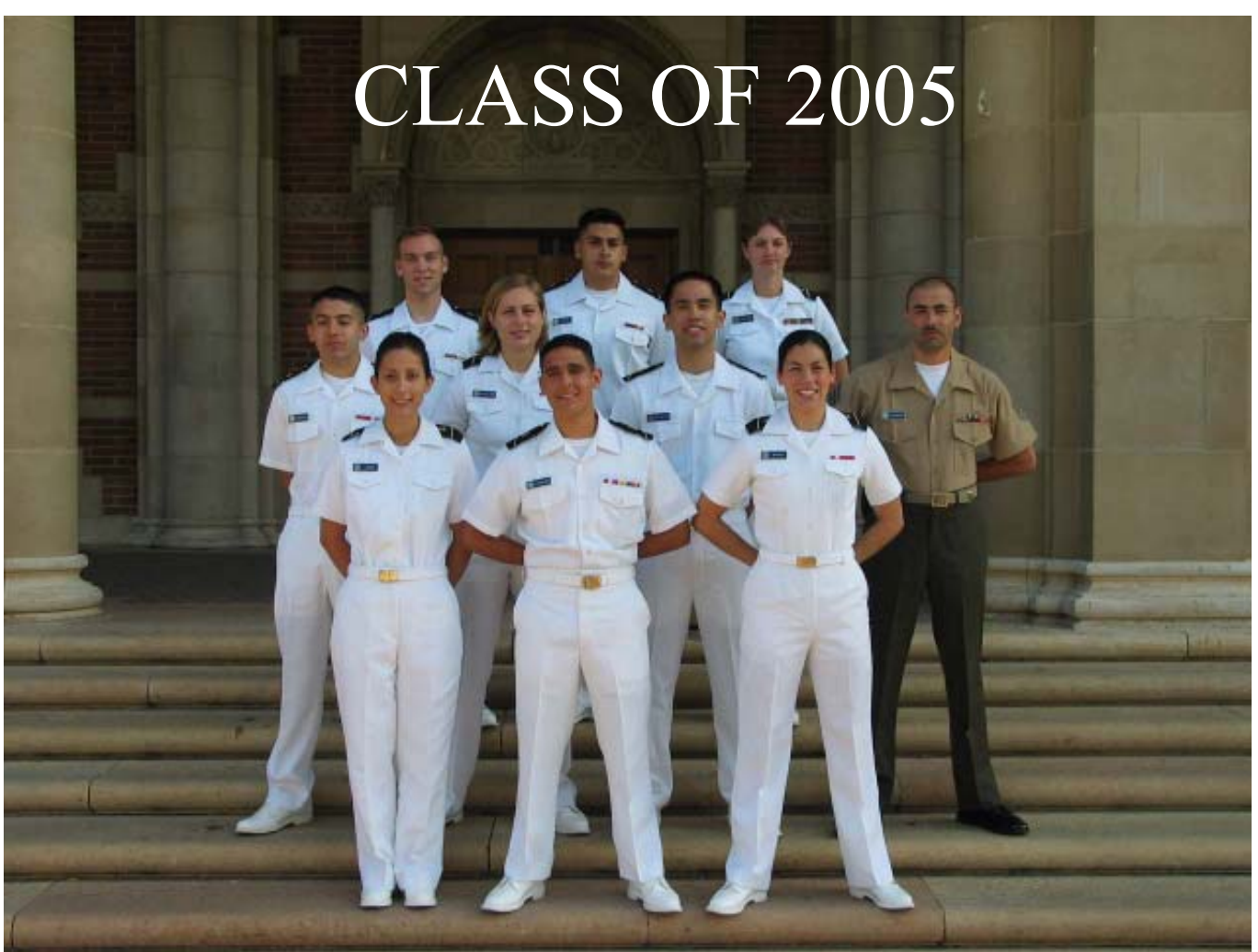


# CLASS OF 2004

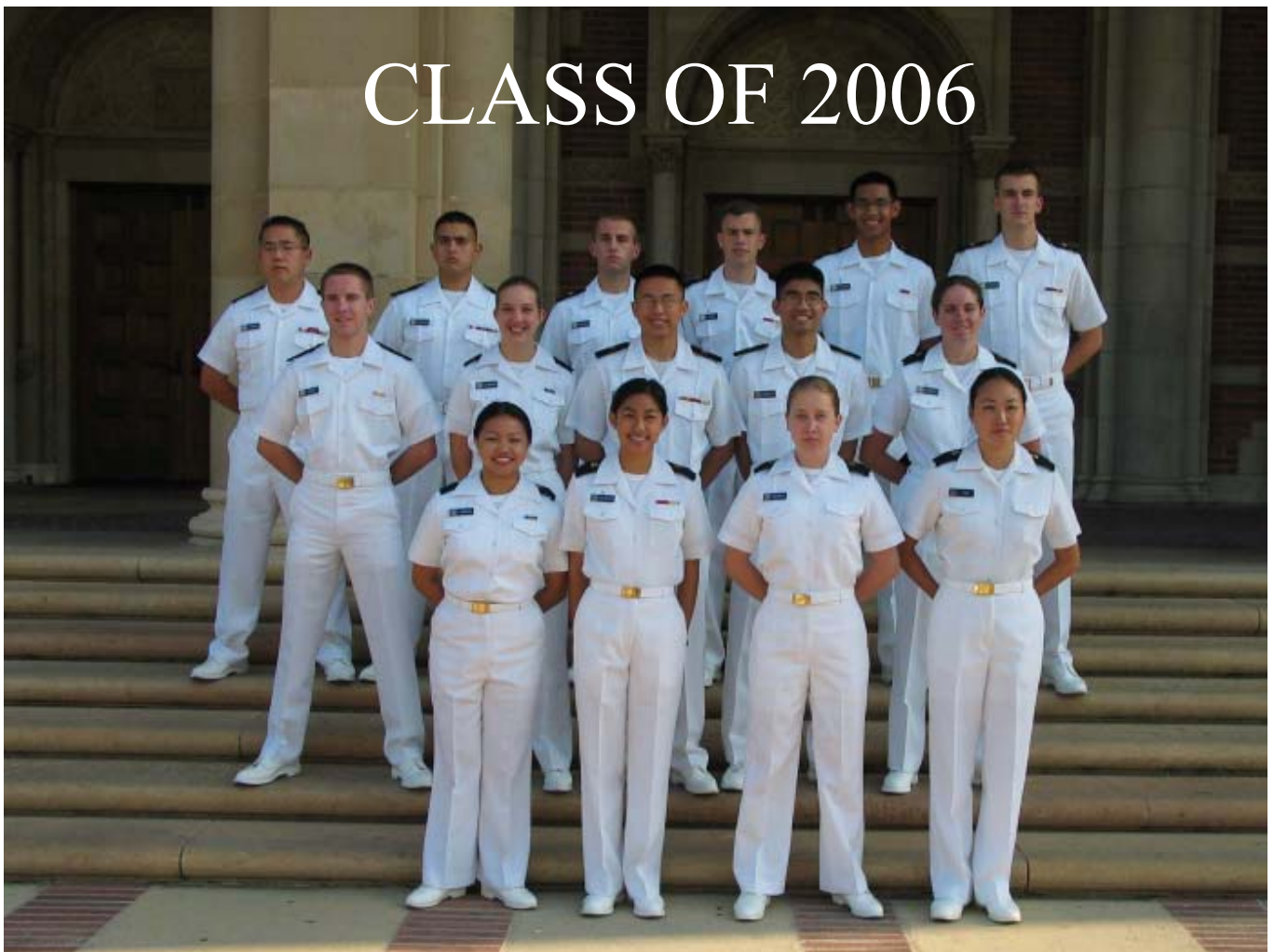




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# ACTIVE DUTY STAFF



## *Traits of a Naval Officer*

“...It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy should be a capable mariner. He must be that, of course, but also a great deal more. He should be, as well, a gentleman of liberal education, refined manner, punctilious courtesy and the nicest sense of personal honor.

He should be the soul of tact, patience, justice, firmness, and charity. No meritorious act of subordinate should escape his attention or left to pass without its reward, even if the reward be only one word of approval. Conversely, he should not be blind to a single fault in any subordinate, though at the same time he should be quick and unfailing to distinguish error from malice, thoughtlessness from incompetency, and well-meant shortcoming from heedless or stupid blunder. As he should be universal and impartial in his rewards and approval of merit, so should he be judicial and unbending in his punishment or reproof of misconduct.”

-John Paul Jones, spoken before the Maritime Commission of 1775



# Class of 2003



**David McKay Blood**  
Hometown: Charlotte, NC  
Major: Psychology  
Billets Held: Squad Leader, Color Guard Commanding Officer, Special Operations Chief, Command Master Chief, Logistics Officer, Operations Officer, Battalion Executive Officer  
Service Selection: Surface Warfare (USS Lassen)



**Daniel James Breeden**  
Hometown: Upland, CA  
Major: Economics (Naval Science Minor)  
Billets Held: Squad Leader, ADP Chief Petty Officer, Academics Chief Petty Officer, Plans Officer, Operations Officer,  
Service Selection: Nuclear Surface Warfare



**Laura Rose Dutkiewicz**  
Hometown: San Diego, CA  
Major: Marine Biology  
Billets Held: Squad Leader, Public Affairs Officer, Adjutant  
Service Selection: Surface Warfare (USS Russell)





**Jeffrey C. Gando**  
Hometown: Alameda, CA  
Major: Civil Engineering  
Billets Held: Squad Leader, Academics Chief, Computer Officer, Special Operations Chief, Platoon Guide, Special Operations Officer, Adjutant  
Service Selection: Surface Warfare (USS Harpers Ferry)



**David Kyle Hartman**  
Hometown: Bath, OH  
Major: Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology  
Billets Held: Squad Leader, Athletics Chief, Athletics Officer, Adjutant  
Service Selection: Aviation



**Isaac J. Kennedy**  
Hometown: Blue Springs, MO  
Major: Psychobiology (Developmental Psychology Minor)  
Billets Held: Platoon Guide, Platoon Chief, Public Affairs Officer, Athletics Officer, Armory Officer, Logistics Officer  
Service Selection: Aviation







### Benson Lo

Hometown: Cerritos, CA  
 Major: Computer Science and Engineering  
 Billets Held: Supply Chief, Color Guard Executive Officer, Color Guard Commanding Officer, Communications Officer, Platoon Chief, Operations Officer, Battalion Commanding Officer  
 Service Selection: Surface Warfare with Engineering Duty Option, reporting to Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA



### Fernando Rene Mendoza

Hometown: Oakland, CA  
 Major: Psychology  
 Billets Held: Squad Leader, Finance Chief, Finance Officer, Logistics Officer  
 Service Selection: Surface Warfare (USS Tarawa)



### Laura Marie Morgan

Hometown: El Paso, TX  
 Major: Neuroscience (Classics and Naval Science Minors)  
 Billets Held: Squad Leader, Athletics Chief, Platoon Chief, Public Affairs Chief, Battalion Executive Officer, Public Affairs Officer  
 Service Selection: Medical







**Prashant Ramesh Patel**  
 Hometown: Glen Dale, MD  
 Major: Aerospace Engineering  
 Billets Held: Squad Leader, ADP  
 Chief, Special Operations Chief,  
 Platoon Chief, Platoon Com-  
 mander, Athletics Officer  
 Service Selection: Aviation



**Bobby Jay Rowden**  
 Hometown: Superior, MT  
 Major: Political Science (Naval  
 Science Minor)  
 Billets Held: Squad Leader, MWR  
 Chief, ADP Chief, Platoon Chief,  
 Platoon Commander, Battalion  
 Commander  
 Service Selection: Surface Warfare  
 (USS Porter)



**Walter Barry Schulte**  
 Hometown: Huntington Beach, CA  
 Major: Electrical Engineering  
 Billets Held: Squad Leader, Logis-  
 tics Officer, Athletics Officer, Aca-  
 demics Officer  
 Service Selection: Surface Warfare,  
 reporting to Naval Postgraduate  
 School, Monterey, CA





Matthew Robert Stender  
 Hometown: Newbury Park, CA  
 Major: Aerospace Engineering  
 Billets Held: Squad Leader, Supply Officer, Plans Officer, Adjutant, Academics Officer  
 Service Selection: Aviation



Shaun Stacey Turner  
 Hometown: Antioch, CA  
 Major: Psychology  
 Billets Held: Squad Leader, Armory Chief, Command Master Chief, Armory Officer, Platoon Commander, Drill Team Commander  
 Service Selection: Aviation



*Congratulations Seniors!*  
*We wish you fair winds and following seas!*



# Class of 2004



Richard Amerine  
Las Vegas, NV  
Physics



Erin Carrara  
Redding, CA  
Business-Economics



Mark DeMann  
Castro Valley, CA  
Aerospace Engin.



Michael Fields  
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Aerospace Engin.



Dominic Franklyn  
San Mateo, CA  
Psychology



Sean Gannon  
Danville, CA  
Civil Engin.



Michael Green  
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Political Science



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Granada Hills, CA  
Sociology



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# Class of 2004



Johanes Ismawan  
San Francisco, CA  
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Daniel Lefler  
Ventura, CA  
Aerospace Engin.



Scott McBride  
Mission Viejo, CA  
Political Science



Jane Plotkin  
Denver, CO  
Business-Economics



Joshua Ragadio  
San Francisco, CA  
Sociology



Jose Rangel  
Los Angeles, CA  
English



Joshua Rosenfeld  
Redondo Beach, CA  
History



Bradley Silldorf  
La Selva Beach, CA  
Economics



Jacob Sorenson  
Amarillo, TX  
English



# Class of 2004



Kyle Tuschall  
Palo Alto, CA  
Chemical Engin.



Francisco Valdez  
El Paso, TX  
Sociology



Travis Wandell  
Somewhere, CA  
History



Nathan Woodward  
Burbank, CA  
Pre-Economics



# Class of 2005



Jennie Barba  
Cypress, CA  
Chemistry



Leonardo Cuadrado  
Los Angeles, CA  
Anthropology



Sean Davis  
Culpeper, VA  
Political Science



Armando Daviu  
Glendale, CA  
Latin Am. Studies



Francis Eclevia  
Milpitas, CA  
Psychobiology



Merrie Ekelund  
Sacramento, CA  
Biology



Nicolas Gonzalez  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Political Science



Eric Hinojos  
San Diego, CA  
Psychology



Diane Lopez  
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Marine Biology



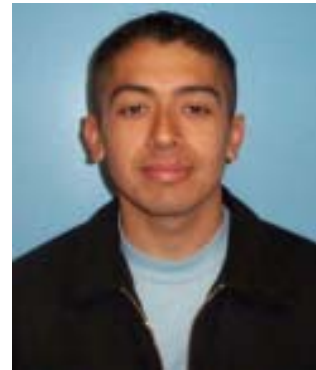
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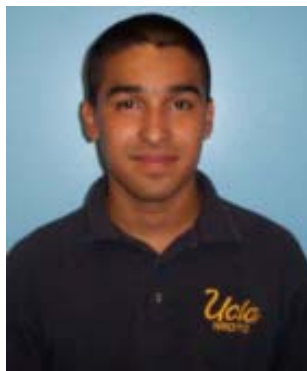
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Lubbock, TX  
Anthropology



Sergio Sandoval  
Pico Rivera, CA  
Aerospace Engin.



Arturo Trejo  
El Monte, CA  
Astrophysics



Paul Velazquez  
Somewhere, CA  
History



# Class of 2006



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Alexandria, VA  
Art



Daniel Chang  
Fremont, CA  
MCD Biology



Ryan DeVera  
Chula Vista, CA  
Undeclared



Angela Delosreyes  
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Biochemistry



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Psychobiology



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Political Science



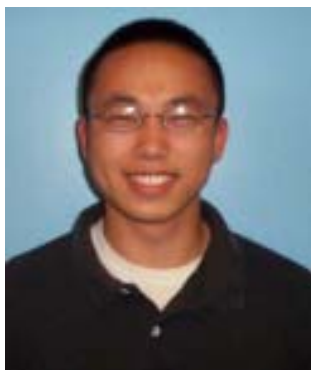
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La Cresenta, CA  
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Chula Vista, CA  
Biochemistry



Allison Murphy  
Los Alamedos, CA  
Biology



Samuel Nickols  
Port Wyneme, CA  
Undeclared



Bradley Nott  
Santa Maria, CA  
Undeclared



Roberto Ortega  
Oxnard, CA  
Mathematics



Brian Page  
Davis, CA  
Political Science



Quinlan Rakin  
Taylortown, GA  
Political Science



Mark Signaigo  
La Verne, CA  
Art History

# *OLD SCHOOL PHOTOS*





# ACTIVE DUTY STAFF



Colonel Mark J. Brousseau

“When the path to take is not clear, rely on your core values to steer a course. Remember - Mission first; take care of your people to the best of your ability when accomplishing the mission; place “Self” last in any decision made. I wish you all fair winds and following seas. It is an honor to have served with you. Semper Fidelis.”



Commander Angus McColl

“Love God, love your family, love your country, love your neighbor, love your work. Many things are beyond your control, but everyday you can choose to love these things.”



Major Cory Cunningham

“The Navy and Marine Corps will provide you with a challenging environment. Step up and take it on, for only you can truly challenge yourself.”



Lieutenant Matt Hipp



Lieutenant Ian MacDiarmid

“A winner must have two things: burning goals and the definite desire to achieve them.’ Be a winner. Go fast, take chances, and welcome to the fleet!”



SKCS (SW) Duane Townsend  
 “Take care of your people and they will take care of you.. It is a mantra that has done me well over the last 20 years and I know will serve you well also.”



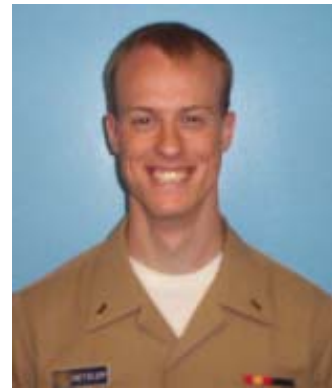
GySgt Dwayne Fochler  
 “There are two different types of leadership styles: authoritarian and persuasive. There will be many different types of people you will encounter throughout your career. Approach each of them in a manner that allows your orders and decisions to radiate with confidence and authority, and at the same time giving that individual the absolute feeling of pride that they WANT to do this task to the best of their ability for you.”



YNC Jasper Houseal  
 “I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.”



ENS James Trotter



ENS Carl Netzler





# *O-WEEK, FRESHMEN CAMPING TRIP, & SAILING*



MIDN 4/C Kaminski practices flattening her wrist, as MIDN 3/C Davis corrects MIDN 4/C Marbella's salute.



Officer Candidate Woodward takes a break from lunch to smile for the camera.



"To quote Aristotle..."



Midshipmen attempting to get into the "circle of trust."



MIDN 2/C Franklyn takes a dozer during O-Week.



MIDN 4/C De Vera looks sharp in his Summer Whites.



MIDN 4/C Liu takes on the Ropes Course.



Midshipmen bond during the Freshmen Camping Trip.

MIDN 3/C Davis and MIDN 3/C Sandoval stand by the tents.



Midshipmen learn the art of sailing.



MIDN 3/C Ekelund listens as the instructor gives her some pointers.



Soon-to-be Skipper B qualified sailors say "cheese."

Midshipmen watch as two sailors head out into the marina.





# MY FIRST DAY

“When I first met the ROTC O-Week staff members, I felt like I was a freshman in high school again; everyone seemed so big and intimidating. Soon we were issued our uniforms and I was shocked at my new Navy appearance. We all wondered what we were getting ourselves into that first day, and looking back, I think it’s easy for the fourth class to laugh at how scared we all were.”

--MIDN 4/C Bernier



“I thought O-Week was very interesting. It was very funny to watch the freshmen go through a very light taste of bootcamp. For me, all the experiences were just a lot of fun.”

--Sgt Rakin

“1) Am I supposed to be a part of this group (meaning the 4th Class)?

2) Cuadrado, who is this guy Verde (AKA Mr. Green)?

3) Hold me, Cuadrado, because if this guy Verde says one more thing to me I will break his neck (lucky for him that day was the end of O-Week).”

--SSgt Daviu



“My first day of ROTC was actually during my second year, which might be a surprise to a few people. When I joined, it was a month into the quarter and everyone seemed to know all the go-about of the unit. They threw me into the whole rotation of things and I had no idea how to drill, when to salute, etc. I basically made very mistakes you could think of that first day.”--MIDN 3/C Eclevia

“I walked to ROTC with MIDN-retired Bell, because we were the only people that lived on Hilgard. Once we got to the classroom, I remember hardly seeing any females, Mr. Mendoza had on shorts, Mr. Stender kept looking to the back of the classroom, and a couple of the guys had really big hair, which was gone within the hour.”--MIDN 1/C Morgan



“My first instinct was to stay the heck away from that Gunny fellow.”--MIDN 2/C Hong

“I was pretty excited about my first day of ROTC, but I was also nervous and did not know what to expect. I have wanted to be in the Marine Corps for many years so I was just glad to be here and was undoubtedly ready for anything.”--MIDN 4/C Nickols



“The second I stepped off the bus for my INDOC training, the barrage of screaming, being humiliated, PTing, 0430 mornings, throwing up, and getting injured consumed my days. “This cannot be what real military life is like,” I repeatedly thought during my stay at the base; “No one can live like this!” When it was over, the feeling of accomplishment, a true understanding of motivation, and the knowledge that life in ROTC would not be like this, gave me a sense of belonging and I knew that becoming a part of the military would be the best decision I had ever made.”--MIDN 1/C Dutkiewicz

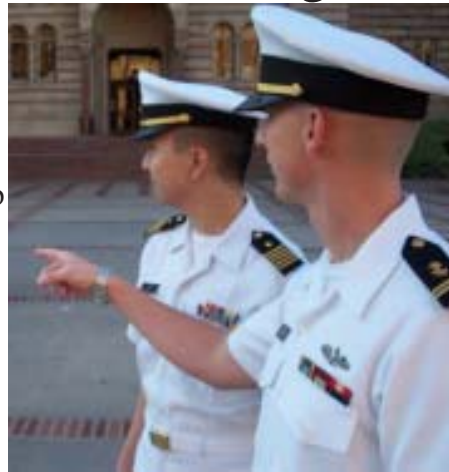


# TUESDAY MORNINGS

Tuesday mornings are jam-packed for midshipmen. Usually starting at 0700, midshipmen meet in the John Wooden Center to get their rifles and swords and then head out to Wilson Plaza for Drill. Afterwards, midshipmen head up to Haines, where Prolab takes place.



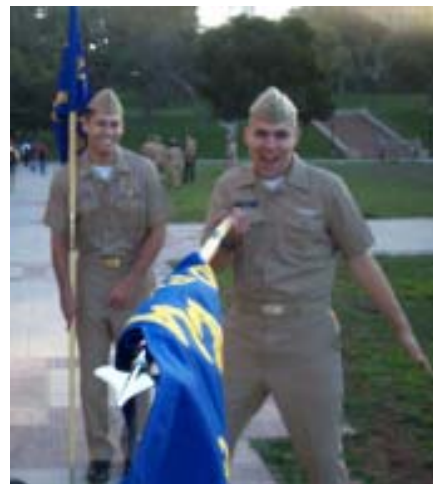
MIDN 3/C Barba tries to keep her bearing as Major Cunningham does the Riverdance.



MIDN 1/C Lo takes note of a midshipmen that MIDN 2/C Lefler points to during an inspection.



Third Squad waits to be inspected.



MIDN 2/C Gannon expresses his dislike for photos, as he spears the innocent photographer. MIDN 2/C Silldorff looks on quite satisfied.

MIDN 2/C Valdez gets inspected by MIDN 1/C Blood. MIDN 1/C Morgan takes this inspection very seriously.





MIDN 1/C Blood and MIDN 1/C Rowden take time to reveal their positions to the Battalion (second term BN XO and BN CO).



SSgt Cuadrado stands at parade rest.



MIDN 1/C Stender inspects MIDN 1/C Kennedy.



MIDN 2/C Rosenfeld and MIDN 2/C Wandell chat during Drill.



MIDN 1/C Turner: Shoulder boards: the breakfast of champions."



MIDN 3/C Davis fulfills his role as Platoon Guide during the BNCO's inspection.





MIDN 1/C Schulte stands at the position of attention.



MIDN 1/C Rowden inspects MIDN 3/C Gonzalez.



MIDN 1/C Morgan: "I'm in charge."  
Ensign Netzler: "No, I'm in charge."



MIDN 1/C Blood inspects MIDN 1/C Stender.



MIDN 3/C Lopez salutes Gunny Fochler during Squad Competition.



Don't mess with Texas. No, wait.  
Don't mess with MIDN 3/C Ekelund.



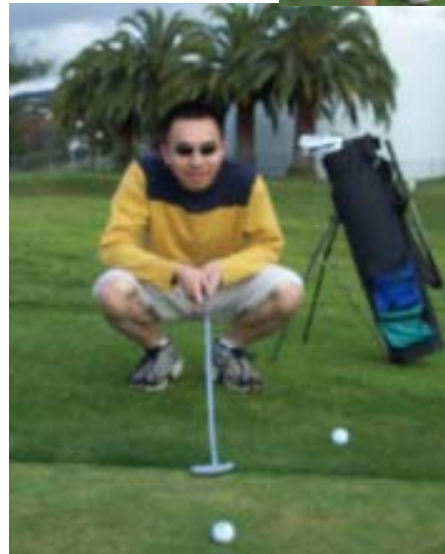
MIDN 1/C Turner inspects MIDN 3/C Pulliam's cover.

# Golf Day



MIDN 2/C Green wondering if he'll make it into this month's issue of GQ.

The Second Annual Golf Day proved to be a hit once again. Midshipmen enjoyed a nice round of golf, followed by a great barbeque. MIDN 2/C Ismawan lines up his next shot.



MIDN 1/C Lo once saw Tiger Woods in this pose. Perhaps it will help his shot? We think not...



Can you believe CDR McColl got passed up for the part in Austin Powers 3?

MIDN 1/C Morgan and MIDN 2/C Valdez are clearly impressed with MIDN 2/C Wandell's long drive. Oh wait, is that the ball still sitting by his feet?



# BLOOD BOWL



2002-2003 BLOOD BOWL TEAM



Co-captain MIDN  
1/C Lo smiles  
before his "haircut."



MIDN 2/C Ragadio takes a look  
around before getting back into the  
game.



MIDN 3/C Matchek  
lines up.





MIDN 2/C  
Rosenfeld smiles  
for the camera.



MIDN 1/C Dutkiewicz finishes up  
her plate of pie during the Pie Eating  
Contest.



Team Co-Captains MIDN 1/C  
Lo and MIDN 1/C Patel.



MIDN 1/C Mendoza and  
MIDN 4/C Ortega compete in  
the Pie Eating Contest.



MIDN 4/C Kaminski stands by  
MIDN 1/C Dutkiewicz, 4/C  
Ortega, and 1/C Mendoza who  
look pretty tired after scarfing  
down their pies.

Co-captain MIDN 1/C Patel takes  
part in a play during Blood Bowl.



# AVIATION CLUB



# COLOR GUARD





# DRILL TEAM



# SEMPER FI





# COLOR GUARD



For the second year in UCLA NROTC Color Guard history, the Color Guard Team participated in the Tulane National Drill Meet in February 2003, and did well. Besides practicing hard for this competition, the Color Guard participated in other events such as the Armed Forces Appreciation Day, in which members from all services took part in comprising the Color Guard for the UCLA versus Washington football game.

MIDN 2/C Breeden, MIDN 3/C Velasquez, and MIDN 1/C Blood take time to bond and reflect during the Annual Color Guard Party.



MIDN 4/C Signaigo attempts to keep the unqualified chef, MIDN 3/C Matchek, away from the fire, while MIDN 4/C Liu proudly poses and ignores the flames nearby.



MIDN 2/C Ragadio watches MIDN 2/C McBride as he takes a shot during a game of pool.

The Color Guard proudly displays the colors during the National Anthem.



Wolfgang Puck? No, it's MIDN 4/C Delosreyes preparing.....something.



MIDN 4/C Nott, who is part of the UCLA Marching Band, meets up with Color Guard member MIDN 3/C Hinojos.



# DRILL TEAM

The hard-working Drill Team proved that practice pays off when it represented UCLA at the Tulane National Drill Meet in February 2003. The team placed 3rd overall, 4th in Regulation, 1st in Inspection, and 2nd in Squad Basic.



Before (above) and after (left). The Drill Team looks great either way.



Drill Team freshmen showcasing their motivating haircuts. Perhaps they will inspire a new look for Tuesdays to come.





Drill Team members participating in Squad Basic, going to Order Arms.

MIDN 2/C Green giving an enthusiastic shout during Inspection.



The Drill Team practices before the competition, and of course, before hitting Mardi Gras, where the fun really begins.

# *IM SPORTS*



Every year, NROTC puts teams together to participate in the various IM Sports offered by UCLA Recreation. This year midshipmen had the chance to participate in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and softball. MIDN 4/C Signaigo displays his soccer skills in a game held in Drake Stadium.

MIDN 3/C Trejo takes a swing at the ball during a pre-game practice.



MIDN 2/C Tuschall practices his swing. Perhaps he should take off the shades and see that the ball is by his feet and not in the air.



MIDN 1/C Kennedy brings the ball in during a soccer game.



MIDN 1/C Patel gets some height.



The looks that get all the ladies.



2003 IM Softball Team



# Chancellor's Cup

Chancellor's Cup was a great show of camaraderie and sportsmanship as the Battalion came together to compete in various athletic events. Teamwork, motivation, and enthusiasm played a huge role and led to yet another Navy victory.



MIDN 3/C Pulliam and MIDN 2/C Hoover compete in the Sit-up Challenge, in which Navy captured the victory.



MIDN 2/C Ragadio puts up a shot against Air Force. MIDN 4/C Kaminski plays an unidentified position. As you can see, she was quite pivotal in the Navy's win.



Midshipmen enjoy another event. As always, the volleyball team took first place.

MIDN 1/C Mendoza gets ready for the tug-of-war contest.



MIDN 2/C Plotkin helps the tug-of-war team to victory.



Air Jordan? No, it's MIDN Air Davis.

# Outside Activities

While attempting to balance school and ROTC, many midshipmen also face the challenge of adding work, clubs, or other outside interests to their platter. Here we take a look at some midshipmen and how they spend their time outside the unit.



MIDN 2/C McBride spent much of the year working at Best Buy.



MIDN 3/C Eclevia took part in Pilipino Culture Night.



MIDN 1/C Morgan wrote for the Daily Bruin Arts & Entertainment section. Here she is with pop/rock star Duncan Sheik.



SSgt Daviu likes to spend his time hanging out with models.





MIDN 3/C Pulliam enjoys reading, writing, and reciting her own poetry. She takes some time in the Wardroom to read poetry.

MIDN 1/C Mendoza models his Albertsons apron. MIDN Mendoza had to juggle work, school, ROTC, and family life during his years at UCLA.



MIDN 4/C Fawcett and MIDN 4/C Marbella show off their Laser Tag skills.

*BIRTHDAY BALL &  
STAR AND STRIPE BALL*

NROTC formals are a great time for midshipmen to get to know each other while getting a taste of what formal events will be like in the fleet. The Birthday Ball is held in the Fall with USC. The Star and Stripe Ball honors seniors and takes place during the Spring.



Midshipmen and their dates take time to assemble for a photo.



First class midshipmen  
with their dates.



MIDN 3/C Hinojos attempts to make interesting conversation.



Juniors taking part in the Inspection Scene  
 during Seniors Skits.



The junior class does its best to portray the senior class during Senior Skits.





MIDN 4/C  
Garcia gets her  
groove on.



MIDN 1/C Gando and his date.



MIDN 2/C Valdez  
pitches Field Nair to  
the Battalion.

MIDN 2/C  
Gannon drinks the  
“nectar of the  
gods” while  
modeling his new  
haircut.



MIDN 2/C Sorenson  
plays the part of  
Commander McColl  
during one of the skits.

The CO and XO get a good  
laugh during Skits.



The Seniors pose for a  
shot during their last ball.

# Summer Cruise

Summer Cruise is a time for midshipmen so see what life is like in the fleet. In addition, midshipmen learn about all the warfare communities during CORTRAMID, see the role of enlisted supervisors on their second class cruise, and experience firsthand the role of junior officers during their first class cruise. But most of all, midshipmen have fun.



MIDN 3/C Gonzalez: "Umm, yeah, I really didn't touch anything....I swear."



MIDN 2/C Wandell: "If only I were flying a fighter...then I'd give this two thumbs up!"



MIDN 1/C Lo chose to go on submarine for one of his cruises.

MIDN 3/C Hinojos models his flightsuit. "They call me Maverick."



MO? No. MIDN 3/C Matchek is just enjoying Marine Week during Cortramid.







MIDN 1/C Hartman: "Goose!?"  
Where's Goose!?"



Little did we know that MIDN 1/C Blood had the strength to move buildings. Must be the pasta.



MIDN 1/C Dutkiewicz stands by her rack, where she stayed for her second class cruise.



MIDN 2/C Breeden:  
"This boat will be mine!  
boo haha!"



MIDN 1/C Stender gets his backseat qualification during Aviation Physiology.



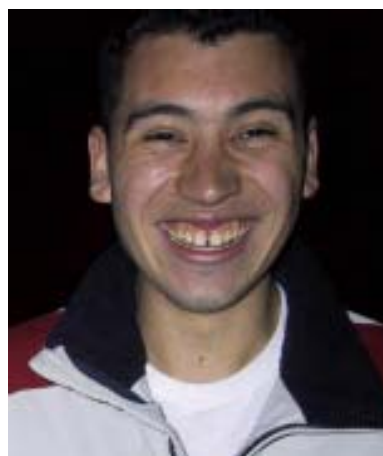
MIDN 1/C Patel flying an S-3B Viking during his first class cruise in San Diego.

# WAR FACES

Have you ever wondered if some of your scariest, most painful expressions have been caught on camera, and then hoped that they weren't? Well, they were, and so much so that captions aren't needed.









# *AROUND THE UNIT*



