



## From CDR Howell, Unit CO

### Greetings from the CO!

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well and that your new year has started off on the right foot. The Battalion continues to impress me with the pride and professionalism that they show in all of their endeavors.

The Unit staff has had a bit of a shake up. We welcome two new members and say farewell to two others. Mr. Mike Lane reported aboard early in the fall as our Administrative Assistant. He is a native Michigander and a veteran Marine. LT Daniel Bellomo, the new Submarine Officer, reported aboard just before Christmas from Strike Group ONE and has hit the ground running. Last semester, we said farewell to both Capt Mike Shull and LT Joe Doman. Capt Shull reported to MCAS Quantico and LT Doman left for an Individual Augmentee assignment in Afghanistan. We will miss them both.

The Battalion stands just under 110 members with the loss of six from the freshman class. The Battalion remains strong and active in the community. Our Midshipmen were always crisp when they represented the Unit in the color guards during football and basketball games.

The time around Veterans' Day is always hectic. We had the honor of having LtGen Jack Bergman, USMC Ret., as the guest speaker for our Birthday Ball. Leading up to Veterans' Day, the Battalion completed a 237-mile relay run in honor of the Navy and Marine Corps' birthdays. This run is spread out over three days with a team of two running for 30 minutes at a 10:00 pace. During the capstone event, MLtCol Andrew Powell, the Battalion Commander, did an outstanding job as the Master of Ceremonies during the Veterans' Day ceremony at the Ann Arbor VA hospital. Governor Snyder, the guest speaker, mentioned how impressed he was with all three of the ROTC programs' students.

My proudest memory of the semester will have to be the commissioning of the four December graduates. I'm proud to announce that the Naval Service now has one new EOD Officer, one new Submarine Officer, one Surface Warfare Officer, and one Marine that have answered the call to serve their country.

I am looking forward to the winter semester and the subsequent spring commissioning. Hopefully, the weather will be a bit warmer the first week of May than last year's commencement ceremonies. I would like to invite all parents and alumni to keep in touch with the Battalion and Unit via our website or through our Facebook accounts.

I cannot express my gratitude enough to the family, friends and alumni who support the students. You can be rightly proud of all of them. Hopefully, we will see you at one of our events in the future. For our Alumni, if you can't make it back to Ann Arbor, please drop us a line and let us know what you are up to!

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## New Unit Staff

### LT Daniel Bellomo, USN

Lieutenant Daniel Bellomo is a native of Whippany, NJ. Upon graduating from high school, he received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy and graduated with distinction in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

After commissioning, LT Bellomo reported to Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston, SC for Nuclear Power School. At the completion of Power School, he reported to Nuclear Power Training Unit—Balston Spa for assignment at the MARF Prototype. After qualifying EOOW, LT Bellomo went on to attend the Submarine Officer Basic Course at Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT.

In October 2008, LT Bellomo reported to the USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) in Apra Harbor, Guam. While forward deployed, he served as the Reactor Laboratories Division Officer, Reactor Controls Assistant, and Damage Control Assistant. He finished his tour following a change of homeport to Pearl Harbor, HI as Assistant Engineer. In April 2011, he successfully completed his qualification as Nuclear Engineer Officer. Operationally, LT Bellomo completed five missions vital to National Security in the Pacific theatre while attached to SSN705.

In July 2011, LT Bellomo reported to Commander, Carrier Strike Group One (CCSG-1) in San Diego, CA as the Assistant Submarine Operations Officer and Tomahawk (TLAM) Division Officer. While attached to CCSG-1, he completed a six-month deployment to the C5F and C7F AORs onboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN70).

LT Bellomo transferred to the University of Michigan NROTC unit in December 2012. He currently serves as the Junior Class Advisor, Assistant Professor of Naval Science, and the Submarine Warfare Officer. LT Bellomo teaches Principles of Naval Weapons Systems and Naval Engineering. He is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.

LT Bellomo has multiple personal decorations, but he is most proud of the awards and citations earned with his shipmates. LT Bellomo is happily married to his wife Lanaya. They are both active hikers, runners, and baseball fans.





## Current Unit Happenings

### UMNROTC WOLVERINE DRILL MEET

The University of Michigan NROTC Unit will be hosting its first Midwest premier drill competition on 19-20 APR this year!

Events will include:

- Rifle and Pistols Competitions
- Platoon Basic Drill
- Squad Basic Drill
- Color Guard
- Sailing Regatta
- Endurance Challenge

All these events will take place on U of M's campus. We are very excited to host this competition and hope to continue our winning streak!

### Upcoming Battalion Events

**Tri-Service Ball:** 29 MAR

**Tri-Service Awards Ceremony:** 2 APR

**Wolverine Drill Meet:** 19-20 APR

If you are interested in any of these events, contact the Battalion Alumni Officer, **Officer Candidate Larson** at [alarson3@emich.edu](mailto:alarson3@emich.edu).



## How Are You?

**We are very interested in catching up with all of you. Please send us a bio or an update on how you are doing for the next edition of the Alumni Newsletter to Mr. Michael Lane at [mikesl@umich.edu](mailto:mikesl@umich.edu).**

**We hope to hear from you soon!**

**For information about Unit events, pictures, and more, please visit our website at [www.umich.edu/~umnrotc](http://www.umich.edu/~umnrotc) or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/UniversityOfMichiganNrotc>**

**We continue to thank you for your years of service and dedication to the Armed Forces. As always, GO BLUE!**





