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Wolverine Maritime Battalion Alumni Newsletter

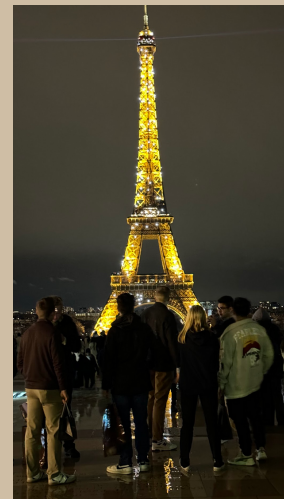


ROTC Military Ball



On January 27th, 2024, the University of Michigan's Navy, Army, and Air Force ROTC units hosted a military ball at the Michigan Union. We are very grateful for the attendance of the guest of honor Rear Admiral Heidi Berg, who serves as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy, N3/N5B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. During the celebration, the Wolverine Maritime Battalion's Commanding Officer, Captain Scott Bunnay as well as Rear Admiral Berg gave speeches, and after dinner, midshipmen and cadets performed skits.

Normandy Capstone



Over the University of Michigan's spring break (February 24-March 2), 1/C midshipmen joined 1/C cadets in the Air Force and Army for an international capstone ROTC trip. Midshipmen and cadets toured D-Day invasion sites in Normandy, France; conducted a flag-raising at the Normandy American Cemetery; and gave presentations at the historical sites to extract lessons learned related to ethical considerations, innovation, and operations. To round off the trip, midshipmen and cadets were hosted by Defense Attaché Office Paris before returning to Ann Arbor graduation and commissioning events.

View the following link for an article and video from the 2023 trip, the first occasion where the three ROTC Units visited Normandy:
<https://news.umich.edu/sacred-ground-stepping-off-the-map-and-onto-the-cliffs-of-normandy/>.

Alumni Spotlight

Captain Aaron Hoff

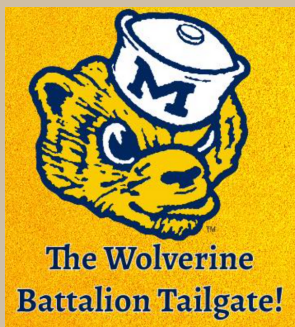
U.S. Naval Attaché to France University of Michigan
Naval ROTC Class of 1996
Bachelor of Science,
Mechanical Engineering

The Wolverine Maritime Battalion would like to highlight the efforts of an esteemed alumnus, Captain Aaron Hoff, who organized a visit by Michigan's Naval, Air Force and Army ROTC Units to the U.S. Embassy's historical Hôtel de Talleyrand. After ten years as a submariner, Captain Hoff transferred into the Foreign Area Officer (FAO) community in 2007 and had assignments in Africa, Asia, and Europe before arriving in Paris. Today Captain Hoff holds true to the University of Michigan's mission as he continues to serve the people of Michigan, the United States, and the world as a leader and citizen who challenges the present and enriches the future. Most recently with the ROTC Units in Paris and throughout his career and, Captain Hoff preserved and applied knowledge to better prepare not only the next generation of military officers but also our allies and partners to thrive in today's complex security environment. The Wolverine Maritime Battalion is rightfully proud of his accomplishments!

(Photo) Naval and Air Force ROTC midshipmen, cadets, and staff with Captain Hoff and French Gendarmerie officers at the Hôtel des Invalides in Paris France on March 1, 2024.



**Do you have an alumnus or alumna you would like to highlight in the Alumni Newsletter?
Email MIDN Josie Lautenschleger at jlauten@umich.edu to nominate someone!**



Save the Date!

Join us on **Saturday, September 14, 2024** for a Wolverine Battalion tailgate against Arkansas State. The Homecoming game day will be filled with food, friends, games, and a Wolverine victory! Location and time TBD.

Please fill out the form at the following link if you know of alumni that would like to receive the newsletter:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8XzDnRFAHY_577dmP6bigkwvHI7lnjLSo3-HIyo4GJL1KYw/viewform?usp=sf_link

