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Wolverine Maritime Battalion Alumni Newsletter



Unit statistics

Entering into the fall semester, the Wolverine Maritime Battalion is made of a diverse group of MIDN and MECEP/OC's as illustrated below:

MECEP/OC	6
1/C	8
2/C	6
3/C	9
4/C	12
Total	41

Fields of study

There are 20 different majors in the battalion, in both Engineering and the humanities. The most common major is Mechanical Engineering, followed by Aerospace Engineering and Nursing.

Geographical diversity

17 states are represented in the battalion, ranging from New York to California and Hawaii, with almost half hailing from Michigan.

Alumni Spotlight

Captain Madelene E. Means

University of Michigan Naval ROTC Class of 1993
Bachelor, Political Science



The Wolverine Maritime Battalion is excited to highlight a highly esteemed and accomplished alumnus, Captain (ret) Madelene E. Means. Graduating from the University of Michigan through the NROTC in 1993 as a General Unrestricted Line Officer, CAPT Means became an Intelligence Officer in 1998.

Throughout her career CAPT Means collected a breadth of invaluable experiences that made her into the leader she is today. Her sea tours include Intelligence Systems Officer of CVN 74, Strike Group EIGHT (CSG 8) Assistance Chief of Staff for Intelligence aboard CVN 69, a deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan in 2011 where she served as Executive Officer and a Systems Program Manager of the DIA System, and more. CAPT Means also lead sailors in a variety of shore duties, like when she commanded the Navy's largest cryptologic enterprise as Commander TF1070 and Commander Navy Information Operations Command from 2018-2020. She also furthered her education while in the Navy, obtaining master's degrees from the University of San Diego and the Air War College.

CAPT Means retired in 2023 following 30 years of selfless service to her country. A story she likes to tell about her retirement was thinking that no one would attend her retirement ceremony. Instead, almost 200 people attended, including fellow NROTC graduates from her time at the University of Michigan! To her this special moment that capped off her career in the Naval service reinforced the fact that the Navy is more than just an organization, it is a family for life that supports and lifts each other up to accomplish a common goal.

We, the Wolverine Maritime Battalion, could not be more proud to consider Captain Means one of our own!

Do you have an alumnus or alumna you would like to highlight in the Alumni Newsletter?

Email Ms. Erin Donovan at erindt@umich.edu to nominate someone!

2024 Summer Training Highlights

This summer, the Wolverine Maritime Battalion's midshipman participated in a variety of summer training evolutions. These evolutions allowed midshipman to gain exposure to the missions of both the Navy and the Marine Corps, hone their leadership abilities, and interact with fellow midshipman from different universities across the country.

Officer Candidate School

Over the summer, 1/C Marine Options attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia. Over the course of 6 weeks, midshipmen underwent rigorous physical training, leadership evaluations, and academic instruction. MIDN 1/C Reindollar who graduated from OCS in early August, says the daily challenges she encountered "reinforced the importance of discipline, teamwork, and the ongoing pursuit of excellence." The Wolverine Maritime Battalion is proud of her hard work!



MIDN 2/C Hemed's Company at NSI (below)

MIDN 1/C Muha and Wright with CO of VAQ-139 and Wolverine Maritime Battalion Alumni, CDR Miggins

Alpha Company at CORTRAMID I

MIDN 1/C Reindollar at OCS graduation (above)



CORTRAMID

CORTRAMID, typically completed by incoming sophomores, allows midshipman to learn about the four warfare communities of the Department of the Navy: The USMC, submarines, ships, and aviation. Midshipman spend a week with each community in either San Diego or Norfolk. MIDN 3/C Evans' favorite part of CORTRAMID this summer was going underway on a boomer during submarine week, and firing an M16 during Marine Week.

New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation is a physically demanding 2.5 week indoctrination course in Great Lakes, Illinois to provide standardized basic military training to all midshipmen entering the NROTC program. MIDN 2/C Hemed entered the Wolverine Battalion early in his sophomore year, and completed NSI this summer. It was his first introduction to a stressful military environment, and he emphasizes how much it taught him about the value of discipline.

Aviation Cruise

Aviation Cruises are a great way for midshipman to learn more about the aviation community and learn from the experience of officers and enlisted they interact with. This summer MIDN 1/C Muha was attached to VAQ-139, an E/A-18 Growler Squadron.

Save the Date!

Join us on **Saturday, September 14, 2024** from 9 a.m - Game Time for a Wolverine Battalion tailgate against Arkansas State. The Homecoming game day will be filled with food, friends, games, and a Wolverine victory!

Join us at....



**THE WOLVERINE
BATTALION ALUMNI
TAILGATE**

Saturday Sep 14th | 9 a.m - Game Time

Ann Arbor Golf and Outing, 400 E Stadium Blvd
*DM day of for exact location on course

To RSVP for the Alumni Tailgate, email Ms. Erin Donovan at erindt@umich.edu

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