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# NOW HEAR THIS



Captain Clark Price, USN  
Commanding Officer

When I first joined the Navy I had no idea what it entailed. I was originally going to do four years and get out. However, I quickly found out that I loved going to sea, loved the people, and just loved the job. As I observe the midshipmen in this company I look for characteristics that are conducive to being a good naval officer. These qualities include having a strong work ethic and being able to take guidance and just go for it. My job here as the Commanding Officer of this company is to commission the best midshipmen possible. I am not concerned about numbers or stats. Here at Savannah State University's NROTC unit, we strive to train, discipline, and prepare our midshipmen for the fleet and become the best naval officers they can be.



Commander Thomas Hacker, USN  
Executive Officer

Commander Hacker was raised in Cullman, Alabama and graduated from the University of Missouri in December of 1992 with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism. He completed flight school in August of 1995 and was selected for training in the SH-60B.

Commander Hacker's first sea duty assignment was with the "Proud Warriors" of HSL-42 from 1996 to 1999. He was the Seahawk Weapons and Tactics Instructor for the HSL-48 "Vipers" from 2002 to 2004. He then transferred to the "Swamp Foxes" of HSL-44 (2004-2006) where he served as Officer in Charge embarked in USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56) and as the squadron's Operations Officer. From 2011 to 2013 he served as the Force Protection Officer for Carrier Strike Group Two embarked in USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN 77).

Commander Hacker's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, four Navy Commendation Medals, and three Navy Achievement Medals.



MIDN 1/C McLaughlin, USNR  
Midshipman Commanding Officer

Jonathan McLaughlin was born at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta Georgia. He was the fourth of eight children, and they were raised by a single mother in Decatur, Ga. As a child he was determined to not become a product of his environment. He had aspirations of providing a better life for himself and his family. He quickly proved himself by being the second person out of his entire family to graduate from high school, and to become a first generation college student. As a Midshipman at the NROTC unit, he quickly climbed the ranks obtaining many billets such as Sailing Team Commander, Platoon Chief, Company Senior Chief, Platoon Commander, and Operations Officer. He received the Midshipman of the Year and the Midshipman Leadership Awards, awarded to him from the votes and acknowledgements of his shipmates. He was recognized by the Active Duty Staff by being selected to receive several organizational scholarships in the amount of \$2000 to aid him through his college experience. He is aspiring to become a Naval Aviator, and will Commission on May 10, 2014.

# HISTORY

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit was established at Savannah State University (SSU) on 22 September 1971, with an enrollment of forty-one midshipman. The Department of Naval Science commissioned its first four officers, three Ensigns and one Marine Corps Second Lieutenant, in June 1974.

In December 1977, the first cross-town midshipman from Armstrong Atlantic State University (AASU) was commissioned.

To date, the SSU/AASU NROTC Unit has commissioned  
 239 Navy and Marine Corps Officers.  
 188 Navy Ensigns (41 Female)  
 54 Marine Corps Second Lieutenants (8 Female)



# INFORM

MIDN Candidate Pitre sounding off to the PTO,  
 MIDN 2/C Wayne



MIDN Candidate Petersen already getting corrected by MSgt James



MIDN 1/C George



# NAVY BIRTHDAY CEREMONY

Midshipman Commanding Officer 1/C McLaughlin cutting the ceremonial cake



The ceremonial cake escorts.



Presenting the ceremonial cake to the youngest person in the company MIDN 4/C Ferguson.

Company standing at attention



# CPR



MIDN 1/C Dumas: "Hello is anyone there?"



Sgt Jenkins gives a CPR class to the Midshipmen Company during Naval Drill.

MIDN 2/C Hawkins gets ready to participate in the practical application.

MIDN 3/C Haynes contemplating whether he should do "mouth to mouth" or not





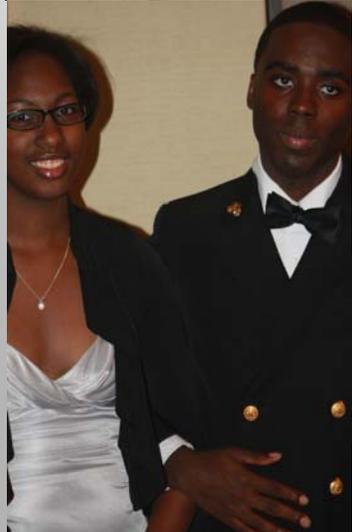
The Annual Navy & Marine Corps Birthday Ball is an event where the company celebrates the Navy and Marine Corps. This year it was hosted at the Hyatt Hotel. Everyone dressed up in their service dress blues and some brought guests with them. There was great food and dancing. The ceremony started with the tradition of cutting the cake where the senior personnel of the unit gives the cake to the youngest person in the unit.



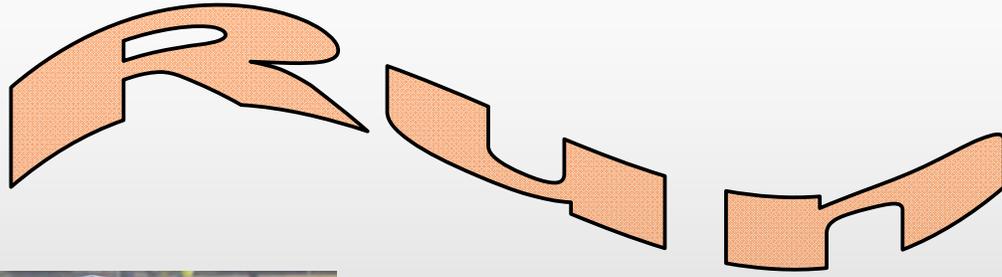
MCO MIDN 1/C McLaughlin presenting the guest of honor with her gift.

Everyone enjoyed the food and let loose dancing. It was funny to watch others dance and enjoyable joining them as well. As Public Affairs Chief, I am honored to record this event, and I'm happy that I was able to capture memorable pictures on this wonderful event.

-MIDN 3/C Cartwright







Officer 3/C Ontivero looking out for any law breakers....

Moses or Jesus? 3/C Pitre preparing on leading his people.



And MIDN 3/C Thomas who just might be one of them.



Adventure duo Indiana Jones ( 3/C Hulik) and Adventure Time ( 1/C Dumas) is ready for this rum!

# Miss NROTC Interview

Q1: What was your first thoughts when you were named Miss NROTC?

A: I was VERY surprised! When they announced the top three candidates I thought that a 2nd or 1st class would carry the title due to superiority, but I was honored that the NROTC unit wanted me to represent them.

Q2: Where you nervous to be in the parade?

A: I wouldn't say I was nervous. I was actually excited. Being able to experience my first Savannah State Homecoming Parade as Miss NROTC was nice.

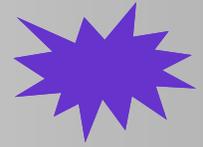


MIDN 3/C Davis crowned as Miss NROTC

Q3: What was the best thing about being Miss NROTC?

A: The best thing about being Miss NROTC was participating in the Miss SSU Coronation and the Homecoming Parade as well as being able to represent my unit.

# PAINTBALL



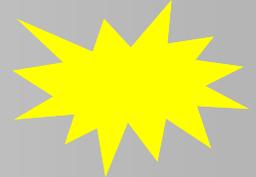
MIDN 3/C Jones, D.



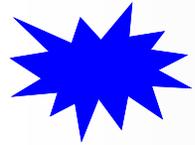
1/C & 2/C VS. 3/C & 4/C



MIDN 3/C Williams



MIDN 4/C Lynch after a hard day's work.



1/C & 2/C banding together



# Homecoming



1, 2 and...Wayne get out of the picture!

MIDN 1/C McDermott getting ready.

MIDN 3/C Hulik and Williams led the parade in the front.



# Parade



MIDN 2/C Stubbs marching.



Our proud color guard with MIDN 3/C Butler commanding



Standing at attention.

Even though it's real early we're still smiling!

MIDN 2/C Smith at the lead of the marching platoon.



# Homecoming



MIDN 2/C Glover at the grill

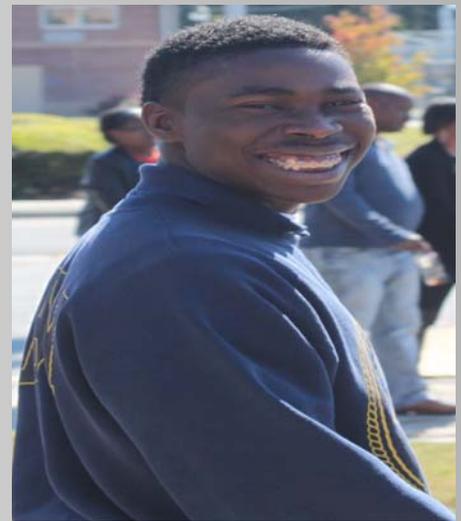
MIDN 2/C Hawkins got the munchies.



Perfect form sir!



MIDN 1/C Dumas with the big smile.



Mmmm!! That's some good chicken!

# Flag Football



From left to right: MIDN 3/C Butler, Williams, Ontivero, A, Skarlupka, Hulik, Jones, D

Around campus our midshipmen are getting more involved participating in the Intramural Sports Flag Football Championship. The Midshipmen team “3rd Class” Included Midshipmen Jones, Gordon, Hulik, Skarlupka, Butler, Shivers, Ontivero, Williams and Smith. The team’s record was 1-1, and they needed to win this game in order to be considered for the second round. The “3rd Class” played b-death in an epic game. The first half our midshipmen struggled and at the half was down 20 – 0. In the second half the midshipmen must have gained a second wind because in the first 20 sec they scored a touchdown.

Midshipmen Butler led the team with precision during the second half throwing more than 15 completions with almost all of them resulting in a first down. Midshipmen 3rd Class Jones and Smith caught two interceptions.

Midshipmen Butler, Hulik, Smith, and Jones would score resulting in a 3rd Class comeback win with a 26 – 20 win over b-death in overtime.

-MIDN 3/C Gordon

# MUD RUN

The mud run is an event hosted every year where people all over Georgia and several different states come out to enjoy a 5-mile mud run. Yes, it is literally a mud run because that's all there is when you decide to participate. The course consist of various obstacles from wall climbing, mud slides, aqua aerobatics, log runs, and log dives which will cover you in nothing but sweat and mud. The SSU NROTC has participated as volunteers for the mud run for three consecutive years. The volunteer director was so impressed with our dedication, numbers, cooperation, and motivation that they always count on us coming to the run. The runners always give positive feedback about how we motivate them to do their best on the run. During one drill period one of the representatives from the mud run came and presented a check worth \$2,000 to the unit for our outstanding performances. We are gratefully honored for this recognition, especially since all the work we do is volunteer work. For many of us the real reward is just representing our unit and enjoying a good mud run, but it's nice to be recognized every now and then.



MCO MIDN 1/C McLaughlin accepting the \$2,000 check

-MIDN 3/C Cartwright

# Estiny Day

Estiny Day, Exceeding Standards Totally Involves Nurturing Youth, is a mentoring program whose purpose is to support young teens in the accomplishment of finishing high school and going to college by introducing community mentors and programs that will strengthen and promote self-esteem, values, goals, and provide the directions that are the keys to success. During their matriculation through the program, the high school students will be presented with workshops and presentations on a variety of topics to help with personal, educational, and life development.

With an emphasis on STEM related careers, the program's founder and CEO, Tachaya Flen, enlists local ROTC midshipmen and cadets to serve as mentors to high school boys and girls. Mrs. Flen, a retired Chief Warrant Officer in the United States Army, noticed a lack of interest in the youth she mentored at Hunter Army Airfield and the negative images portrayed in the media. She knew it was time for her to make an impact on the community. Founded in 2012, Estiny Day began in Savannah, Georgia with midshipmen from the Savannah State University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit. In 2013, the Spring Lake, North Carolina Estiny Day opened with help from volunteers cadets from Fayetteville State Army ROTC, followed by El Paso, Texas and Virginia programs in 2014.

This past Saturday, Savannah State's midshipmen began week one of the mentoring program. Returning mentors went to the Goodwill for community service with their mentees. Those who had just begun the program had a presentation on computer awareness. They also had two guest speakers, Harmony, a DJ from Savannah's E93 Radio Station and LaDonna Cook, child psychologist, author of two books, and owner of a book company.



# EGG DROP

During Commander Hacker's Leadership and Management course the students had an opportunity to work as a team during an egg drop activity. The activity consisted of splitting into five groups, making an egg package delivery, and making a commercial advertising our product. The commercial portion was judged by Lt. Lovelace and Miss. Taylor. Once the products were finished it was time to test its effectiveness by dropping it with an egg inside from the top of the football stadium. One by one each group chose representatives to test their product. The last part of the project was to test its accuracy, by aiming it to a blue egg carrying tray. It was expected that most of the groups would be off on their mark, but few were able to get close enough. At the end different awards were given out to the groups who were the best in certain categories, some of which included:

Best Commercial

Most Accurate

Best Original Design

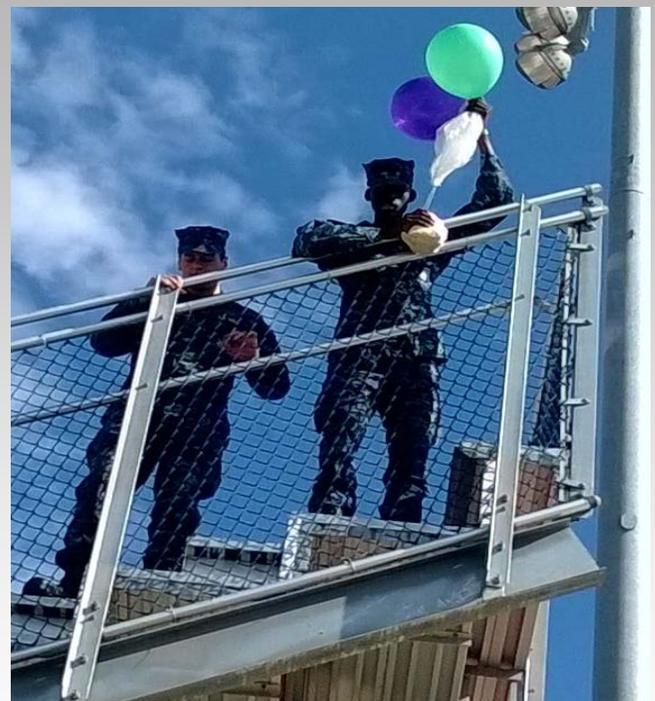
Overall Effectiveness

Each group did an excellent job during the activity and everyone enjoyed the exercise. It's great to know that we can still do activities like this in the class room.

-MIDN 3/C Cartwright



MIDN 3/C Plaza and Petri checking if the egg is broken.



Look out!! We 're goanna drop it!

# COLDEST PT DAY





## *Welcome Aboard*



Lieutenant Andrew Foor

Lieutenant Foor was raised in Rockford, Illinois and enlisted in the Navy in January, 2004. He trained as a Nuclear Electronics Technician completing A-school, power school, and proto-type training in Charleston, South Carolina. While serving as an instructor at the proto-type unit as a third-class petty officer, LT Foor was selected for the Seaman to Admiral commissioning program. Lieutenant Foor completed his undergraduate degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical

Engineering at Purdue University and earned his commission in December 2008. He then returned to Charleston for the nuclear training pipeline as an officer.

Lieutenant Foor was assigned to the USS Bremerton (SSN-698) out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 2010. He served as Chemical-Radiological Controls Assistant, Electrical Officer, and Communications Officer for two eastern Pacific deployments, one central command deployment, one western Pacific deployment, and two Rim of the Pacific International Exercises.

Lieutenant Foor's personal decorations include two Navy Achievement Medals.

# FAREWELL LT. BYRNES AND GYSGT SUMPTER!!



We'll miss you Lt. Byrnes!



Yes!! GySgt Sumpter smiling caught on camera!



# *Commissioning...*

## *Proud to be a Part of History*



Congratulations to the commissioning class of Fall 2013!!!!



