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Corps of Cadets Host Bi-Annual Corps Wars

(BATON ROUGE, LA) – Midshipmen from the Southern University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps unit competed in the bi-annual Corps Wars, hosted by the Corps of Cadets on the LSU campus. The 3 day event was conducted from October 29th – October 31st, 2014.

LSU Corps Wars has become a tradition between the LSU Army, LSU Air Force, and Southern University Naval ROTC units. It is a fitness competition that fosters a sense of camaraderie and unity among the ROTC units in the greater Baton Rouge area. Every semester, Cadets and Midshipmen compete in events including log runs, foot races, ammunition can lifts, and a tug-of-war to decide which unit is the top dog. The physical competition takes place in the first two days, and during the fall semester, concludes with the annual Halloween Fun Run on the third day. Here, Cadets and Midshipmen, dressed in their “All Hallows Eve” best, run a three mile course through the LSU campus - much to the amusement of the general student population.

This year, the competition was particularly fierce. The event that holds the highest bragging rights, the tug-of-war, left Midshipmen and Cadets exhausted and muddled on the field of battle. The Cadets and Midshipmen put forth an outstanding effort to prove their mettle, and it was easy to see the level of pride that these future military leaders take in their service. Ultimately, LSU Army ROTC was the victor, with Southern Naval ROTC in close second, and LSU Air Force coming in third.

Although many of the Midshipmen of the Southern University NROTC unit were disappointed in the loss, the ultimate goal of the competition was achieved. The mission was to foster respect and camaraderie between the Army, Air Force, and Navy units, and to understand the meaning of “one team, one fight”. Together, these ROTC units make up a proud tradition of military service known as the LSU Corps of Cadets, and nowhere was that tradition more evident than on the field of competition this week. The Midshipmen of the Southern University NROTC unit are already looking forward to the spring semester to get their chance for redemption, and carry on a tradition that is rich in Esprit de Corps.

