

# REDSTICK REVIEW

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## CO's Call

Greetings Alumni and Family,

I hope you all had a great Christmas holiday season and are looking forward to a great New Year. We continued our steady invigoration of the life of this Unit last semester. The unit resumed the Bayou Classic Run and LSU Salutes along with enhanced command PT. Moving forward we continue working three Lines of Effort:

- Maintaining a Culture of Excellence
  - Developing a Warrior Mindset
  - Building a Premier Brand
- Each and everything we do stems back to these three LOEs and impact our unit's growth in a very real way. Although COVID presents challenges initially this year, I expect to resume full training early in the semester.

In addition, we are celebrating a monumental milestone of the unit turning 50 this year! We have just begun our efforts in celebrating this achievement by engaging the unit's alumni organization and improving the Midshipmen experience. COVID slowed us down this year so we extending the celebration into our 50+1 year – stand by for more



## MIDN Staff

**BNCO**

MIDN 1/C Leger

**BNXO**

MIDN 1/C Jacobs

**OPS**

MIDN 1/C Zohn

**CMC**

Gunnery Sergeant

Crochet

**Alpha PLT CO**

MIDN 1/C Laviolette

**Bravo PLT CO**

MIDN 2/C Minter

**Mike PLT CO**

MIDN 2/C Johnson

**ADMINO**

MIDN 3/C Welsh

**SUPPO**

MIDN 3/C Colosky

**PAO**

MIDN 1/C

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## BNCO's Corner

Greetings,

As the unit's 50th anniversary semester draws to an end, we begin to look back on everything we accomplished this semester and everything that we have to look forward to in the upcoming semester. This semester we hosted one of our largest freshman classes we have had in years.

Through the efforts of all of the MIDN, we have had an excellent semester in terms of PT, academics, and morale. I hope that all of the effort we put in will set the pace for the unit in the upcoming years.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Leger

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## Esprit de Corps

This semester, SUNROTC participated in the Corps of Cadets Halloween Run! The Corps of Cadets run is used to build comradery while working to improve Midshipman and Cadets levels of physical fitness. Navy ROTC won best costume this year, thanks to AWO1 Myers!

The Corps of Cadets is an organization aimed to promote unity and cohesion between ROTC units at Louisiana State University including, LSUs Army, Air Force and SU Navy ROTC. Some other events within the Corps of Cadets include the President's Day Parade, LSU Salutes, and the annual Military Ball.



## Commissioning Alert!

MIDN 1/C Nicholas Leger has been commissioned to the rank of Ensign in the United States Navy. He is added to the long and prestigious line of Southern University NROTC Alumni and is honored to join the fleet as a Surface Warfare Officer. His first assignment is to USS Carl M. Levin (DDG 120) stationed out of Pearl Harbor, HI.

ENS Leger wants to thank his parents for all the support they have given him. He wants to thank the Redstick Battalion for the training and leadership development they have provided to him. ENS Leger held the position of Battalion Commander for his final semester, leaving a legacy of improvement of the Battalion and growth in each Midshipmen.



## Marine Corps Martial Arts

During Naval Lab this semester, the MIDN learned Marine Corps martial arts from Gunnery Sergeant Haney and Captain Ozuna. The MIDN learned how to execute a right and left hand upper cut, right and left jab, eye gouge, and how to maneuver out of a bear hug. MIDN 4/C Stephen Taylor expresses “it was interesting and fun to learn the building blocks of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program from a qualified instructor in order to have the fundamentals for combat to use in our futures as Navy and Marine Corps officers.”



## Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

As a break from ROTC activities, the MIDN went bowling! This was an increase from previous semesters' activities due to COVID restrictions but a welcomed change to the MIDN experience.





## Senior Spotlight

Congratulations to MIDN 1/C Courtney Zohn on getting accepted into the Navy Nuclear Submarine Program! MIDN Zohn is the first MIDN in 5 years from Southern University NROTC to be accepted.

This semester she serves as the Battalion Operations Officer, planning all things pertaining to ROTC. She is a Marine Biology major at Louisiana State University. She will make all of us proud once she steps out into the fleet. Congrats

MIDN Zohn on your accomplishment!



## SUNROTC's 50th Anniversary

This semester, the Redstick Battalion celebrated its 50th anniversary. Since its establishment in 1971, SUNROTC has partnered closely with Southern University in creating a lasting impression on the makeup and character of our Navy and Marine Corps team. Captain Brien Dickson presented a plaque to the university President in thanks for all of the university's support for our unit. To celebrate this event, the MIDN hosted an alumni tailgate. At the tailgate the MIDN were able to interact with Redstick Battalion alumni, marking this as the first event of its kind in recent history. More 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events are expected to occur in the Spring and early Fall of 2022. Stay tuned!



## Service Assignments

On October 14th, the Seniors of our unit received their service assignments. These are the jobs they will take on once they enter the fleet.

MIDN 1/C Meghan Croghan – Naval Aviation  
 MIDN 1/C Aaron Jacobs – Marine Ground  
 MIDN 1/C Megan Laviolette – Surface Warfare  
 MIDN 1/C Aimsley Unbehagen – Surface Warfare  
 MIDN 1/C Courtney Zohn – Submarines

Congratulations to our Seniors!!

## Recruiting

This semester we had several high school JROTC programs reach out to us wanting to learn more about our program and Southern University. We had two high schools, Nimitz High School and Denham Springs High visit our unit. The SUNROTC MIDN conducted a tour of Southern University and briefed a PowerPoint presentation on numerous NROTC scholarships and information regarding the Redstick Battalion. SUNROTC also was invited to attend Walker High School to give the same brief to the JROTC program located there. However, our recruiting efforts will not stop there. We look forward to an exciting Spring semester!



## SUNROTC Store

Do you want to show off your unit pride with us? Look no further! From t-shirts and hats to jackets and tote coolers, we've got it all! We feature some great designs, and 10% of all proceeds go right into the MIDN fund, helping our grow!



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