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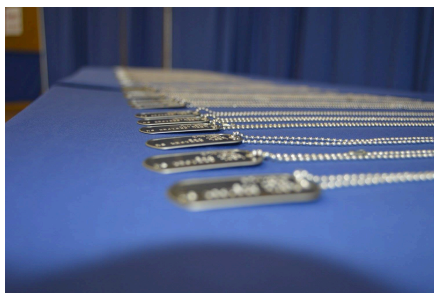
All Together

The Tri-Service Awards Ceremony was held on the 19th of April 2016. Each ROTC branch, along with their officers, were present for this event. The ceremony is held every year to recognize the Midshipmen and Cadets from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force ROTC units for their outstanding achievements. The ceremony began with a joint color guard containing members from each branch. The Navy Midshipmen took charge of the rifles, and each branch held their respective flags. Many guests of the Midshipmen and Cadets came to watch the ceremony. There were multiple recipients from each branch who received awards and many received multiple awards. The Midshipmen and Cadets were personally awarded their certificate and ribbon for their respective award by the representative of that organization or association. After the ceremony, everyone was treated to cake and punch provided by the Navy ROTC unit. The event was well organized and executed by the Navy Midshipmen. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the time spent talking with others from each unit. The ceremony was an overall success. All left the event with a sense of accomplishment and the desire to continue to improve.

John Clark
MIDN 4/C, USNR

Hope. Run. Soar.

The Lance Corporal Creager Memorial 5k on the 9 of April 2016 was a tremendous success. After overcoming a change in both staff and student chain MIDN Guthrie flawlessly executed his duties as the OIC of the LCpl Creager 5k.



MIDN Guthrie's persistent and early planning, ensured the 5k was executed without any mishaps. There was little officer involvement during the set up of the event that morning with the exception of Captain Givan working closely with MIDN Guthrie to ensure that details concerning the start line and finish line were properly marked and officiated; however, the officers took a step back and allowed MIDN Guthrie and his staff to do the work necessary to put on a successful race. Runners started to show up at 0800 for the race that would begin at 0900. There were 69 runners registered before the race day, however more runners showed up that were not pre-registered, putting the runner count that day closer to 90. This made for an exciting race around the N-82 gym, lead by the Patriot Guard on motorcycles. At the end of the race, in front of N-82 gym, there was a flex arm hang and pull-up competition for all of those who wanted to participate. At the conclusion of the race, Capt. Givan gave a speech of inspiration. He applauded all of the runners for their well fought times as well as commending all of the MIDN and volunteers that came out to support LCpl Creager 5k. The MIDN are thrilled and anticipating the opportunity to put on another race to commend LCpl Timothy Creager in the next year. Hope. Run. Soar.

Jon Schumann
MIDN 3/C, USNR

Navy Training

On February 6th, 2016, Midshipmen from the University of Memphis and Ole Miss NROTC program attended Navigational training and guidance that took place on the lower sector of the Mississippi River, courtesy of the United States Coast Guard. The enlisted Coast Guardsmen took Midshipmen out on their Response Boat Small Class 25-FOOT (RB-S), which is principally operated to “combat terrorism and keep the country’s borders secure.” As they were cruising down the Mississippi, Midshipmen learned about the primary missions of the Coast Guard, river currents, and how the weather can affect the Coast Guard’s everyday responsibilities. Midshipmen received first-hand experience in Navigation training by observing how the boat’s crew reacted to the river’s current, debris, and other obstacles such as water depth and other boats in the river. They were also taught about the different navigational signs and buoys that the Coast Guard uses to travel up and down rivers and other waterways. Additionally, Midshipmen got to wear the same uniform as the crew, which added to the experience and understanding of how that uniform serves its purpose on missions out on the water. University of Memphis Midshipmen that attended the Navigation training included MIDN 1/C Gargis, MIDN 1/C Jenkins, MIDN 1/C King, MIDN 1/C Stahlhuth, MIDN 2/C Coronado, MIDN 2/C Lootens, MIDN 3/C Jones, MIDN 3/C McDougal, and MIDN 4/C Bowery. This experience allowed Midshipmen to put what they have learned in their Naval Science classes into practice regarding navigating and plotting courses for ships.

Ashley Bowery
MIDN 4/C, USNR



Mardi Gras

On 05 February 2016, Tulane University hosted the Mardi Gras Drill Meet. On Thursday, the 4th of February 2016, The University of Memphis Naval ROTC Drill Team headed south to Tulane University to compete against approximately 30 other teams in the Mardi Gras Drill Meet. The team left Memphis around 1000 and arrived in New Orleans at 2000 ready to enjoy the city and compete. By 0945 the platoon set up for their inspection and drill portion, led by MIDN 3/C Schuman. After a short practice, the close order drill platoon formed for inspection. Drill Instructors from Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island were the graders for the inspection, and their professionalism, bearing and intensity served as a great motivator for the events through the rest of the day. The squad drill was next, led by MIDN 2/C Lootens, and color guard went into their portion last, led by MIDN 2/C Guthrie. They all performed an excellent drill card, but the University of Memphis ended up not placing this year. Norwich University won first overall competitors this year, while the Texas A&M fish head team followed close behind. The Mardi Gras Drill meet was an outstanding competition and an experience that everyone who competed will not forget. The midshipmen expect to come back next year with a trophy!

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MIDN 2/C, USNR



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