



# World's Greatest NROTC Battalion (WGNB) Newsletter

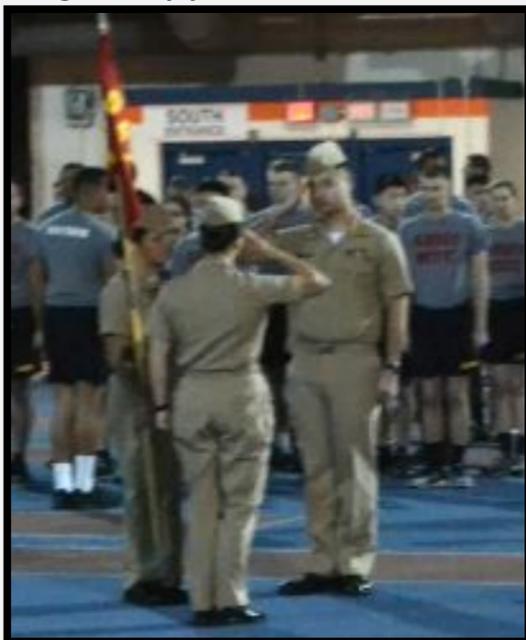
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## Battalion Change of Command



Fall 2018 WGNB Battalion Commander MIDN Mah (right) stands relieved by Spring 2019 WGNB Battalion Commander MIDN Duncan (left)

After a long semester of hard work and many successes, the WGNB thanks MIDN Mathew Mah for his dedication to the battalion and relentless efforts as Battalion Commander. MIDN Mah will commission as a Naval Flight Officer after this semester. His time as the Battalion Commander has taught him much about what it means to be a leader and will pay dividends when he goes to the fleet. On January 16th, a change of command ceremony was held to recognize the leadership of the previous semester and to welcome aboard the oncoming leaders. MIDN Audrey Duncan is now serving as the Battalion Commander of the WGNB for the Spring 2019 Semester. MIDN Duncan will also be commissioning after this semester as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer. This upcoming semester holds many events including the Colorado Drill meet and Dining In, and the planning for these events and others are entrusted to MIDN Duncan and her staff. The WGNB is ready for many more successes this semester and looks forward to being lead by yet another fantastic leader!



MIDN Mah receives his final salute as Battalion Commander of the WGNB from oncoming Battalion Commander, MIDN Duncan

## Tri-Service Relay Race



The winning relay team is all sweat and smiles. From left to right, the team comprised of MIDN Gee, MIDN deLutio, MIDN Villanova, and Sgt Henze

Every year, during a home track and field invitational, a tri-service relay is run inbetween events to determine which service is the fastest on their feet. The relay is a 4x400m and the rules follow NCAA standards. This year, still hurting from the tie-breaker loss in the PT Competition last semester, the WGNB was itching for victory. On January 26th, the race began, led off by MIDN Gee who ran an incredible 57.7 seconds. Come time for the transition, MIDN Gee was neck-and-neck with the Army for first, Air Force close on their heels. The second leg of the race was run by MIDN deLutio who managed to break ahead of the Army by a few strides with an even faster 57.5 seconds. By the time the third leg of the race had begun, the WGNB has a sizeable lead on the Army and the Air Force trailed even further behind. Sargent Henze ran the third leg of the race with a speedy 59.8 seconds. Although not quite as fast as the first two legs, Sargent Henze kept the lead for the WGNB. However, the Air Force made up a lot of lost ground and by the start of the final leg all three runners were within strides of each other. The final runner for the WGNB was MIDN Villanova, once a high school track star. Through roaring midshipman and invitational attendees alike, MIDN Villanova ran an insane 55.8 second 400m to hold off the Army and win the race for the WGNB! With a total time of 3:50.8 the WGNB proves we are back this semester and mean business!



MIDN Gee prepares to lead off the relay

## Future Nuclear Officers

In the commissioning class of 2020, the WGNB has 3 midshipman that plan to commission as nuclear officers. Part of the process in becoming a nuclear officer is to go to the Naval Reactors headquarters in Washington DC and go through a technical interview process that ends with an interview with a 4-star admiral. Last semester, MIDN In and MIDN Kasten both went to complete their interviews. MIDN In interviewed for submarine officer and MIDN Kasten for a surface nuclear officer. MIDN Kasten was accepted to the program the day he interviewed and MIDN In was accepted into the program at a later date after completing tasks given to him by the admiral himself. In January, MIDN Fink went to interview for a position as a Naval Reactor Engineer and was accepted that day into the program. With that, the WGNB will have 3 midshipman commission as nuclear officers in May 2020. The WGNB celebrates all 3 getting accepted and looks forward to sending capable nuclear officers into the fleet. Hooyah!



From left to right, MIDN In, MIDN Fink, and MIDN Kasten pose for a picture together

## WGNB Webstore

The WGNB has an online store with all kinds of merchandise. We sell shirts, hoodies, mugs, sweatpants, and other items to represent the WGNB. If you are interested in purchasing any apparel, go to our website and click the "Online Store" tab or follow the link below:

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