



World's Greatest Naval Battalion (WGNB) Newsletter

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WGNB Meets USS Indianapolis Survivors

Two USS Indianapolis survivors attended a screening of, "USS Indianapolis: The Legacy" at the Virginia Theater that chronicles the tragedy they endured. Local survivors Arthur Leenerman of Mahomet and Donald McCall of Champaign were available before the viewing to speak with the Midshipman and share their experience. Additionally, a great friend of the survivors of the USS Indianapolis, the granddaughter of Commander Mochitsura Hashimoto, commanding officer of the Japanese submarine that sank the Indianapolis, attended the screening. The documentary depicted extraordinarily well the harrowing events that lead to the men's rescue and struggle to live with the memories of the tragedy.



MIDN Cedric Volle, Alex Perello, and Benjamin Nagelhout stand with survivors of the USS Indianapolis, Arthur Leenerman and Donald McCall (above).

Homecoming Tailgate



This upcoming weekend, the WGNB will be hosting a tailgate for Homecoming at Grange Grove while the Fighting Illini take on the Golden Gophers of Minnesota. The tailgate starts at 0900 and will last through the entirety of the game. Food and drinks will be served. Family, friends, and alumni of the WGNB are all welcome to attend!

Look for the WGNB canopy in the Northeast Corner of Grange Grove at the Homecoming Tailgate (above).



MIDN 2/C Nicholas Paulson leads the pack during the 1600 meter at Madison, ultimately running a 4:47 mile time (above).

Wisconsin Drill Meet Results

The results are in and the WGNB returned from the Wisconsin Madison drill meet with three trophies. The trophies were earned in the athletic events at Madison, showing the WGNB's commitment to physical fitness. The Endurance Team took 3rd place in the Urban Endurance Challenge, the basketball team took 2nd place overall, and the track team took 1st place in the mile and the distance medley. Drill team has already begun practicing in order to bring home trophies from the Tulane competition in several months. With greater numbers on the drill team, the new freshmen participants, and a more rigorous practice schedule, Drill Team is sure to give a great performance at upcoming competitions.



The Endurance Team following the Urban Endurance Challenge. From left to right: MIDN 3/C Paul deLutio, MIDN 4/C Nicholas Austill, MIDN 2/C Christopher Leigh, MIDN 1/C Charles Gallagher, MIDN 3/C Audrey Duncan, and MIDN 2/C Sam Beasley.

WGNB Webstore

Recently, the supply department of the WGNB has been working towards the development of a webstore to purchase all items related to the WGNB! Their work has paid off and the site can be accessed via the link below. Be sure to share the link with friends, family, and all supporters of the WGNB.

<http://Wgnb.logosoftware.com>

Legion of Valor ROTC Award

Recently, Battalion Commander MIDN 1/C Jeffery Bradley from Vandalia, Illinois was presented with the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross. MIDN Bradley was presented this award for his outstanding dedication to academics, leadership, and Naval Tradition. As a future submarine officer, MIDN Bradley has proven to his superiors, peers, and subordinates that he has the aptitude, mentally, morally, and physically, to be an exceptional example for his sailors in future. With commissioning just on the horizon, MIDN Bradley will apply the skills gained during his exemplary performance in the NROTC towards his Naval career, leading the men and women of the fleet into the future.



MIDN 1/C Jeffery Bradley receives his award from the Legion of Valor (above).

Panda Express Fundraiser

On 3 November 2016, the WGNB will be hosting a fundraising event through Panda Express. This event is specific to the Panda Express on campus located at 627 S. Wright Street. If you live in the area, please come out to this event! The event lasts from 1500-1900, and a portion of the profits made during the event go directly to the Battalion. Below is a link to the flier for the event. Simply print out the flier or have an electronic copy on your phone, attend the event, and show the cashier your flier. The Battalion greatly appreciates all participation and looks forward to seeing you there!

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